

**WHAT CLASS SHALL RUN
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI**

As has been stated before, in some sections of Southeast Missouri the black man and his family are not wanted and we are told not one resides in Stoddard County on farms. In some parts of the Sikeston District can be found neighborhoods where they are not wanted on the farm. The Standard can truthfully say that at no time in the past ten years has this section so needed peace and harmony, close application to business and strict economy as now. Hardly a landowner but what has borrowed to the limit to carry on, and no tenant farmer but what is groaning under the burden that he is carrying. Three or four years ago tenant after tenant in this community were classed as being financially well-to-do, but now many of them are working as day laborers without financial backing to start again, are old and broken in spirit and have given up hopes for the future. It is absolutely necessary to have help on the farm. It is likewise necessary to have a variety of crops growing if the farmer ever expects to get out of debt. Noting the success with cotton just south of us our farmers decided to put out a large acreage this spring and sought negro families in the South who were cotton raisers to take charge of this branch of the farming. The past few weeks has brought hundreds of these families into this section and we will state that they are big families, well dressed and every one of them self-sustaining and with bank accounts. It is to these people that Southeast Missouri and the Sikeston District are looking to work us out of the financial hole. The white tenants should not take offense at landlords for trying to save their lands with this cotton help for the cotton help will likewise be the salvation of the white tenants who can get ready help from them when in need of it. It is not a social move by any means, but a move for the good of landlord, tenant, laborer and merchant. The threat to intimidate these black families will be frowned on by the better element in town and country alike, because we need the money they brought here with them and need their help in the raising of cotton and the gathering of crops. The Standard feels certain that a careful study of the situation will show the need of these people and there will be nothing to fear.

W. E. Whitecotton, member of the Legislature from Monroe County and a Democrat, has furnished the Republicans a fine piece of political ammunition by his fight on school teachers and county school superintendents. If the Democrats of the State back Whitecotton's silly utterances they certainly cannot hope to carry the State at the next election.

Brother Bradley came in Tuesday from a trip through the counties above here in the interest of the Methodist Church of which he is presiding elder. The many places he visited in the short time and the number of meetings he held proves that the seed sown is the greatest pay that a presiding elder gets. Satisfaction of trying to do is sometimes about all a preacher or an editor gets.

The Woman's Club held their regular meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday afternoon. In the absence of the president, Mrs. B. F. Blanton, Mrs. Harry Blanton, as first vice-president, presided. After the regular order of business the program "Yellowstone Park". Miss Mable Barnett, who toured through the park this last summer, gave with pictures and a description, a most pleasing and interesting program, assisted by Miss Audrey Chaney. The next regular meeting will be January 30th at 2:30 in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

The organ recital at the Methodist Church the evening of the 11th was one of the most enjoyable recitals that has ever been given in Sikeston. About 6000 were present and the silver offering at the door was almost enough to cover the cost. The next number given at the Church will be Glenn Lee, vocal tenor, who will appear Tuesday evening, February 20. This will be the second of a program consisting of five that will be given at the church and each number is calculated to be elevating and each should be well attended. All are free but a silver offering at the door will be acceptable which will go towards paying actual expenses.

**SEVERAL DEATHS
DURING THE WEEK**

Since our last issue Father Time with his Scythe of Death has been busy in the community and has been no respecter of person. The babe, the child, the matron and the mother fare alike. To write of death is an unpleasant task to the editor who knows that just over the Hill is the Valley of Death that one cannot escape for long when they have reached the allotted time of three score.

William Robert Wilkerson, the 10-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wilkerson, died at the home of its parents Thursday night, January 11, at 11:30 of bronchial pneumonia and was buried in the Sikeston Cemetery.

Joe Fahrenkopf, aged 6 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Fahrenkopf living just east of Sikeston, died Thursday, January 11, of scarlet fever and was buried in the Sikeston cemetery.

Mrs. Minnie D. Bryeans, aged 30 years died at her home in Oran, Friday, January 12, and was laid to rest in the Sikeston Cemetery. She was the daughter of Mrs. Adah Vaughn and sister of Mrs. Joe Bowman of this city, and had many friends and acquaintances here who were grieved at her passing. She leaves a husband and one child to mourn her loss.

The death of Mrs. Ed Wilson which occurred Monday was one of the saddest that has ever occurred in the community. She gave birth to her tenth child, a boy, Sunday, January 7, and while she had a severe cold it was thought not to be serious but soon developed into double pneumonia from which she died. The funeral service was held at the family residence Tuesday morning at 10:00 and at 1:00 the body was taken to Morley where it was buried in the family plot in the cemetery at that place. She was formerly Effie May Holder and born and raised in the vicinity of Morley. She was married to Ed Wilson 24 years ago and to the union came 10 children, 7 of whom survive, the babe but a week old. Mrs. Wilson was a good wife, a good mother, a good neighbor, and her passing is greatly regretted by a host of friends and acquaintances.

It is to be hoped that Representative Ogilvie and Senator Anderson of Scott County will have nothing to do with the bill introduced in the House at Jefferson City by Representative Whitecotton of Monroe County, to cut the salaries of County Superintendent of Schools and school teachers. The County Superintendent of Schools, if he is qualified at all, is not getting enough money as it is, and the teachers who are employed, at most, only 9 months in the year have hardly enough to buy a suit of clothes or a new dress after attending summer school. Let's boost for higher salaries, better qualifications and less demagogery.

For many months the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad running from Joplin, Mo., to Batesville, Ark., has had a hard time to run trains and protect their line through the thirteen counties which it traverses. This railroad is the only outlet for this entire section. Railroad Labor Unions have had trouble with the railway management and have done everything in their power to handicap the operation of the road. Bridges have been burned, culverts blown up, and the work has been placed at the doors of the Union whether they or guilty or not. A few nights ago five bridges were burned and the railroad management notified the public they would suspend operation of the line through Arkansas unless proper protection of their property was given by officers and citizens of that State. Headquarters of the Union was at Harrison, Ark. and to that place citizens of that section of the State to the number several hundred gathered and ordered all union officials to leave Harrison, and they left. An attempt to arrest one union man, E. C. Gregor who fired into the crowd and wounded a man, caused him to be hanged. Two more citizens who were sympathizers of the union men were severely whipped, and the town marshall forced to resign. All this was brought about by a handful of union men who attempted to force their claims on the railroad management of a bankrupt road that would have deprived these thirteen counties of any outlet of their products. This is a forerunner of what the public in general think of bull dozing tactics employed by some unions of the country.

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We have entered a contract to sell our entire stock of merchandise and fixtures to become effective

FEBRUARY 10, 1923

In appreciation of the generous and faithful patronage we have enjoyed from our many friends in Southeast Missouri, we now offer you the opportunity to purchase from any department of this store, any and all articles in our well selected and nationally known lines for

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Boys Suits 2 pr pants \$5 up

Boys Overcoats \$4.75 up

Make your selections early

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April, 1923, election.The way of the transgressor is
hard and to be caught is worse. Married
men to be happy should stay at
home and not pose as single men.
Frequently it is embarrassing to have
the girls visit your home town and
learn the truth.**The Jailbird Industry**

Prohibition must be credited with a measure of success. Within the 18 months from July, 1921, to December, 1922, there were 58,862 arrests for the "crimes" created by the prohibition laws. There were 27,801 convictions, with jail sentences aggregating 2044 years, 11 months and 24 days, and fines totaling \$5,220,558.02. There were pending on the dockets of the Federal courts 21,850 cases not disposed of. New cases were being docketed at a rate exceeding 3000 a month.

This is a wonderful record in the making of jailbirds for crimes unknown to the criminal calendar before prohibition, but the field of possible activity has been only scratched.

A few illicit distillers, bootleggers and pocket flasks have been haled into court. The home brewers have hardly been touched. If prohibition is to be really enforced all of these must be reached by hook or crook—by blanket warrants or unwarranted raids, searches, seizures and arrests.

The building of jails must keep pace with the manufacture of jailbirds. We shall soon have a "criminal" population, created by crime-making laws, which will be the boast and pride of the most exacting of the fanatics who believe that the redemption of man depends upon the police power and the jail.—Post-Dispatch.

When I Was A Boy

By B. F. Blanton

When I was a boy there was more feeling in the preachers than in the present day minister product of theological colleges, where the head and not the heart is converted. How well do I remember how those old preachers would plead with sinners to flee from the wrath to come and with tears running down their cheeks beg them to accept Christ as their Saviour and be saved. It is very different now, where everything is to start off just so and where too often, the subject is just as apt to be, "Why do men love to eat", as anything else.

When did you hear a sermon that warmed your heart as they did under the old time preachers? Of course, our modern preachers are good fellows and we all love them but, one thing is certain, they do not warm your heart like the old hellfire preacher. Nowadays you would think hell was abolished but it isn't.

When I was a boy people were much better in observing Sunday than are the people of today. Away back there all work ceased on Sunday, both in the towns and in the country. Some people even cooked enough on Saturday to last over Sunday, and such a thing as hunting or fishing on Sunday was never even thought of. Of course, if the ox got in the ditch they got him out—but they did not push him in. How is it now? Hunting and fishing is indulged in by even church members and many stores sell on Sunday if they have a chance, while garages run all day just as they do any other day in the week. More church members joyride on Sunday than attend preaching. Sunday observance is about as well respected in the towns as in the country we are sorry to say.

St. Paul is singularly in being selected by Henry Ford for the site of a \$10,000,000 manufacturing plant which is ultimately to employ between 14,000 and 15,000 men. But the Minnesota city is not to be the only gainer from the new industrial project.

The fact that a Ford institution is to be located on the Mississippi is full of significance to all river cities. Mr. Ford is a dauntless believer in the river. His vision goes beyond saving a little money on freight or any particular financial profit. He has a vision of the Father of Waters fully harnessed to generate all the power of which it is capable, fully developed against overflow, fully improved to provide a permanent channel for commerce and fully equipped to carry all the freight in the valley that needs a north-and-south lift.

Mr. Ford can be depended upon to act on that vision. From the incipiency of the St. Paul project he has planned putting on the upper river a barge line not only for his own use but for the service of the public. He will ship his products down the river by a barge and ship whatever coal he may need over the same water highway, presumably from his own mines in Kentucky. If he establishes the intended fertilizer plant at Muscle Shoals the logical outlet of its product will be down the Tennessee and up and down the Mississippi to the great agricultural areas of the valley.

The genius of the "flivver" has piled up wealth to the point where personal gain can no longer be the only motive. His interest now apparently lies in developing the resources of the nation in connection with his own interests. There is ample opportunity for his genius and resources in the development of the waterways.—Post-Dispatch.

The Roman catacombs are 530 miles in extent, and it is estimated that something like 15,000,000 dead are interred there.

Provident permitting, the opportunity for Mississippi Countians to pull out of the hole in 1923 seems good. That happy situation cannot be realized to the fullest extent, however, without generous co-operation upon the part of all interests. If agitators are permitted to array faction against faction, creed against creed, race against race, and class against class the goal will not be reached. Folks of many different political and religious beliefs and nationalities have gotten along nicely here for many years. Neither outlawry nor prejudice should be allowed to disturb these relations. There are laws to regulate society if it needs regulating and they are the only safe lines to follow.—F. D. Lair

Moving Towards The League

Former Associate Justice Clarke of the Supreme Court made a point in his speech at the first meeting in New York of the Nonpartisan Association for the League of Nations about which there can be no division of opinion, namely, that the question of entering the League "never had a fair hearing in the United States". It was drawn into the melee of partisan politics and at a time when the public mind was incapacitated for sound, considerate functioning. The 7,000,000 majority was not a verdict against our entering the League. The result of the 1920 election would have been pretty much the same if the covenant had never been written.

Mr. Clarke also referred to an interesting change that was prospectively made in the covenant last September, when the Assembly directed the Council to prepare "a regional treaty of mutual guaranty". This provision, if and when adopted, will in effect repeal Article X by limiting to neighboring nations the obligation of furnishing armed assistance to a nation whose territorial integrity has been attacked or menaced. The familiar bogey of American boys dying in the distant trenches of other warring nations can no longer be evoked by our demagogues when this version of the Monroe Doctrine has been incorporated in the covenant.

Meanwhile, of course, the most convincing advocate for American participation in the effort to save Europe from destruction is found in the bitter logic of events. Nobody imagined in 1918 that 1923 would see France invading Germany, but that is the fact. It is a fact of ill omen, too. And in 1918 comparatively few Americans realized that the American farmer's prosperity depended on the European market. The American farmer understands that clearly enough now, but the knowledge has been gained at a serious cost.

It would be difficult, impossible, perhaps, to secure a verdict on this question apart from partisan politics. But if the American farmer joins the American business man in demanding our entrance into the League as the only solution for this grave economic problem the politicians will not be laggard in making the same demand.

We are moving towards the League, steadily and inevitably under the persuasion of self-preservation.—Post-Dispatch.

Ford Comes to the River

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Before he invented the steamboat, Robert Fulton experimented with a submarine at the bottom of Brest Harbor in France, using funds obtained by portrait paintings in Paris.

William Jennings Bryan calls on Christians everywhere to agitate against war. When a very practical method for abolishing war was brought forward three years ago, however, William Jennings did what he could to kill it. It was not that he loved the old order of things but rather that he hated Woodrow Wilson so cordially that he just couldn't stand for anything, even peace on earth, that bore the Wilson stamp.—Paris Appeal.

Mob and Law and Race Prejudice

Leading newspapers throughout the South have made the defeat of the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill the occasion for a general warning that the States must take more effective measures to put an end to mob violence. If they continue to shirk their duty in dealing sternly with the crime of lynching, then inevitably the higher powers of the Federal Government will be invoked in obedience to public opinion. It is a critical situation that the South faces, and its thoughtful citizens more and more realize the need of vigorous action in conquering the mob spirit that has subjected Southern States to so much reproach. Special force is given to those appeals on the part of the Southern press by very recent events. There have been at least three lynchings of negroes since the first of the year. Those are significant words that the Atlanta Constitution prints in connection with the brutal murder only last week of an inoffensive old negro of 70 by drunken white men: "If an end is not put to this sort of thing, and if a small element of brazen, barbaric brutes can disgrace the State by their cold-blooded murders and escape punishment, the State will be fortunate if its loss is confined to the blacks who are leaving it, for the menace developing from these unwhipped criminals has become such as to threaten whites as well as blacks". The answer is that an end must be put to mob murder and lawlessness not for reason of color but for obvious reasons of law and justice, which know no discrimination.—New York World.

The famous island monastery of Lake Sevan, near Frivan, Armenia, which for 10 centuries has never permitted a woman to enter its gates, has just extended the freedom of its grounds and buildings to three American women—Miss Grace Blackwell, Miss Jean Vancouver and Miss Margaret Rust. These women are nurses connected with the Near East Relief.

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The Tariff

The country will be gratified to learn that the Cabinet looked upon the tariff and found it good. It was announced after the meeting that the Fordney-McCumber act was working in a manner wholly different from what its critics had predicted and that our import trade is actually increasing. Just where the Cabinet got this information about imports it would be difficult to say. Only a few days ago the Department of Commerce announced that the new classifications and rate schedules had made it impossible to tabulate import data within the usual time and that no information concerning imports since the old tariff expired would be available until early in 1923. Although statistics of exports are available for both October and November, no information concerning imports since September 21, when the new law became effective, has been made public. Even if such data for the autumn months were available, it would not furnish sufficient evidence for any general conclusion as to the actual working of the new tariff act. It is devoutly to be wished that the cheerful statement given out from the White House will be substantiated by later developments, but in that event the Fordney-McCumber tariff must be a disappointment to its farmers. A protective tariff is a patent failure if it does not cut down imports; that is what protective tariffs are for. Meanwhile, the administration might borrow a leaf from the experience of the preceding Republi-

can President, whose labored defense of an unpopular and repudiated tariff measure, which he pronounced the best ever enacted, only increased the insurgency within his own party.—New York Evening Post.

The badge of the chimney sweep in Bavaria is a high silk hat.

The eyes of snails and slugs are perched right on the ends of their feelers, so that they can look in every direction without moving.

Portageville starts the new year with great activity for its advancement and material progress. Interesting as it is, we are to have two bond issue elections which call for the people's voice and decision upon two absolute essentials—yea, necessities—a modern adequate school building and a city waterworks plant. We hope to see the citizenry carry both propositions and feel that they have well spent their money in nominal sums for the bonded indebtedness. By voting for the improvements three will no doubt accrue to them a bigger

return on their investment than they now think. We should have both the school building and the water service. We can afford it. Protect your children. Protect your town properly.—Portageville Missourian.

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In St. Louis, February 6th, 7th and 8th, a great merchandising conference to study how to "Move More Merchandise" will be held. You are invited.

Thirty Nationally known figures will speak there on subjects you ought to know about—subjects that have to do with your business.

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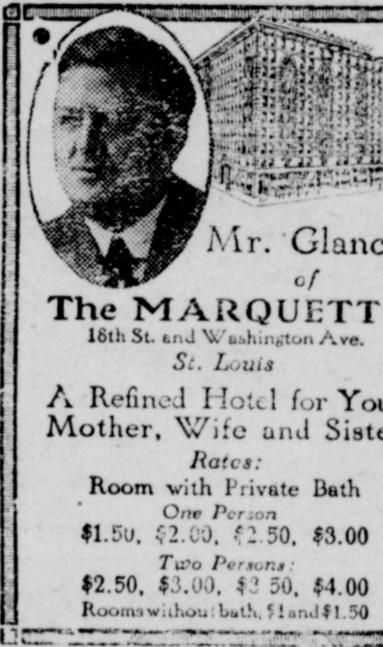
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Poland China Dispersion Sale

Tuesday, February 27, 1923

At McCord Bros. Sales Barn

STUBBS CLOTHING CO. CHANGES OWNERS

The Stubbs Clothing Co., of Sikeston, one of the best known mercantile establishments in Southeast Missouri, has been sold to Messrs. Lehman & Foster, who will take charge of the stock and good will after the 10th of February.

The gentlemen comprising the new firm come well recommended as gentlemen and business men and will step into one of the best advertised establishments in this section. Mr. Lehman is from Pocahontas, Ark., where he has been engaged in the mercantile business for several years. While Mr. Foster has lately been manager of one of Chasoff's stores in Warrensburg, Mo.

The late J. H. Stubbs, the founder of the Stubbs Clothing Co., was one of the best merchants and business men ever in this section and built up a mercantile establishment second to none. He believed in printer's ink andinding back of every article sold. On his death the store was kept in the family and was for a while under the management of Harry Hope, then of S. M. Dailey, but for the past year or more H. Clay Stubbs has had the management of the business and he successfully carried it through the greatest business depression known in the history of this city. He has been ably assisted by Miss Amy Allen, Mr. Herman Henry and Mrs. H. C. Stubbs, who have done their part to make the Stubbs Clothing Co. popular.

Clay Stubbs will retire from this store with the good will of every competitor because he has always been square in his dealings and his customers will miss him greatly.

The Standard wishes every member of the retiring firm success in their future undertakings and will be at the service of the new firm in getting acquainted and putting their goods before the public.

Mrs. Joe Ferg Hunter and sister, Miss Leona Gallivan of New Madrid were shopping in Sikeston Wednesday.

O. O. Cowden, 985 Holland Avenue, Springfield, Mo., was in Sikeston Monday in the interests of a poultry appliance that automatically dips chickens to free them from vermin. If any of our poultry raisers are interested they can address above for particulars.

The latter part of the week a dog bit one of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer's children, a child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paul and another child at Moore Avenue and Center streets. It would be well if the proper authorities would kill the great number of stray dogs that are roaming the town.

Jack Shubert and Luke Hodges left Sikeston Wednesday morning for Los Angeles, Cal. They are making the trip in Mr. Hodges car. Shubert will be associated with F. O. Baldwin in plumbing and heating contracting, while Hodges will look over the field with a view of locating if building operations look good. Mrs. Shubert and children will follow later.

Things happened fast for Clifford Cooper at Caruthersville last week according to the Democrat Argus. Cooper was arrested for having whiskey, a mask, screw driver, and other mysterious odds and ends in his pockets. The next morning he was found guilty and sentenced to six months in jail and a \$500 fine. That night he "scaled" the drain pipe in the jail and escaped.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Stubbs had dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindley, Misses Vera Walpole, Pauline Graham and Mrs. Earl Pate. Miss Burnice Tanner came just in time for dinner.

Mrs. Wallace Applegate, Mrs. A. A. Mayfield, Mrs. Wm. Graham, Mrs. Leroy Moore, Miss Marjorie Smith and Miss Burnice Tanner contributed for the dinner for a hungry family last Sunday. Mrs. Frank Van Horne and Mrs. Joe Matthews were not at home when the call was made on them.

The hearts of most people go out to those who are really hungry. Sunday morning a call was sent out to a few families asking them to share their dinner with a family in the south part of town who were hungry and had no food. Those solicited responded and a car was sent out to make the collection. At one place half of the Sunday roast with plenty of potatoes was given; at another, chicken and dressing, and so on until a dinner fit for a king was gathered up. Some way or other one of the donors got to thinking about this needy family and concluded to investigate. At the home of one of those interested, this lady found a gay assembly of young folks and she concluded to take off her wraps and make herself at home. It was so close to dinner time that the hostess and guests told that they thought this would be a good joke to get a good dinner contributed in this manner.

Buckner-Ragsdale Co.'s SEMI-ANNUAL SHOE SALE

BEGINNING SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1923

The quality of merchandise featured in our shoe department is known in every home in Southeast Missouri. Every shoe offered in this sale is from our regular stock.

WATCH OUR WINDOWS

Buckner-Ragsdale Store Co.

LEADING MEN'S STORE OF SIKESTON

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their help and sympathy during the illness and death of our wife and mother.

Ed Wilson and children.

Sikeston Standard \$1.50 per year.

Have you seen the \$35 Cream Separator at Farmers Supply Co.? Fine separator made, satisfaction guaranteed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyon Schriff are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl at their house on Wednesday night of last week.

Mrs. Nall of Sikeston is here this week nursing the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Doss Stiles, who is ill. Mrs. Nall is related to Mrs. Doc Davis of this city.—Caruthersville Democrat.

Miss Susie Hay has purchased of H. S. Harper a house on North New Madrid street near the Methodist Church, will remodel same and then move into it with her mother. The house on North Ranney will be for rent.

The Reverend G. A. Hoffman of Stoddard County, who was elected chaplain of the House of Representatives was one of the presidential electors who cast his vote for President Wilson in 1912, according to Representative Whitecotton who nominated Mr. Hoffman.

In another part of The Standard will be found the full report of the State Insurance Inspector on Sikeston. We were led to believe that with our new engine and with a paid fireman on the job 24 hours, with our pump house rebuilt and pump overhauled, we would be placed in Class 4 instead of Class 4½ and thereby have our insurance rates reduced. It will be seen from this report that we have no show at all of getting into Class 4. Mayor Felker took the matter up with the State Insurance Department and protested the report.

Thursday morning the Insurance Department informed the Mayor that most of the insurance written for Sikeston was taken out when the rates were lower and Sikeston had not been revised by the State Department but a new revision of our rates would be undertaken at once that would increase the rates for the business district all along the line 5 per cent.

This is all and is a plenty. Our up-to-date fire fighting equipment is to get us a raise of insurance when we believed we would get a lower rate.

It is hard to keep even with some of our State Bureau and Commissions let alone beat them. It may only be a coincident, but it certainly looks like the Public Service Commission and State Insurance Commission most generally favor the corporations.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and children spent Sunday in Canalou.

Mrs. John Rice of Chaffee spent the week here visiting relatives.

Malcolm Ratcliffe has made himself a present of a new Ford coupe.

A fine lot of honey from Morehouse was peddled out on our streets Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam Morrill of Sikeston was the guest of Mrs. Maggie Hunott, Friday.

Elmer Burch shipped a fine car load of cattle and hogs to St. Louis Wednesday.

Goebel Owen went to New Madrid Wednesday as a witness in the Geo. Butler case.

Mrs. Nannie Mainord and Mrs. G. Steele were the guests of Mrs. O. K. Mainord, Thursday.

There is a lot of flu or La Grippe around town, but nothing serious as it is all in a light form.

Mrs. Dave Morgan, Mrs. G. D. Steele and Mrs. Albert Deane were Sikeston visitors Monday.

Mrs. James Brown of the Crow District spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith.

John Graham has moved his family from his farm to Matthews into Mrs. Elizabeth Gurley's residence.

Silas Hultz has moved his barber shop from the Roberts building over across the railroad into the pool room.

The Royal Neighbors held a meeting in their lodge rooms Wednesday

evening to take in some new members.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carroll attended the picture show at Sikeston Tuesday night.

Mrs. G. D. Steele and Mrs. Albert Deane were the guests of Mrs. Dickenson in the Crow neighborhood Wednesday.

The ladies of Matthews are contemplating organizing a society for the benefit of the church and creating a better social standing among the people. We hope they will meet with success for we certainly do need something to awaken interest in the church and social affairs.

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Miss Vera Walpole is ill at her home with the flu.

In the New Madrid Circuit Court Wednesday the State vs. George Butler and G. F. Alley charged with criminal assault on a girl at Canalou, after an all day trial, were found guilty by jury and given two years in the penitentiary.

A double game of basketball was played last Thursday night between the Cairo boys and the Bridges girls, Sikeston being victorious both times for the boys 38 to 7 and the girls 25 to 12. Both were excellent practice games as the games that were to be played Friday were expected to be fought to the finish. Excellent team work was shown in both the Sikeston boys' and girls' team, as no one starred in either half. Cairo made a tour of Cape Girardeau Wednesday night, Sikeston Thursday night and Poplar Bluff Friday night, losing in all three games.

It was then moved and seconded that the chairman appoint a Location Committee and the following names were placed on this committee: M. Q. Tanner, J. L. Matthews, and H. L. Smith, Chairman of this Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the initiation fee be placed at \$100 and the yearly dues be \$50 and that \$25 must be deposited with the application for membership.

SIKESTON COUNTRY CLUB ORGANIZED

A meeting called by L. M. Stallecup for the purpose of talking over the proposition of organizing a Country Club for Sikeston, about thirty men responded and Mr. Stallecup was elected temporary chairman and G. M. Greer was made temporary Secretary.

Several of the parties present expressed their view on the way the Club should be organized and conducted. The first business before the meeting was a motion made by Dr. J. H. Yount that the chairman appoint a nominating committee, the chairman being included as one member of this committee. H. L. Smith and E. C. Matthews were named by the chairman and this committee re-

quired to select the names of a temporary Board of Governors and reported the following names to the meeting: P. M. Gervig, A. Ray Smith, J. S. Kevil, M. Q. Tanner, C. F. McMullin, E. C. Matthews, L. M. Stallecup, H. L. Smith moved that these names be accepted by the meeting and they were duly elected so.

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It was also moved and seconded that the Chairman appoint a Membership Committee and the following names were placed on this Committee: Harry Young, E. A. Matthews and T. A. Wilson, as chairman of this Committee. Mr. Wilson made it known that it was impossible for him to serve on this Committee and was excused by the Chairman and Mr. Matthews and Mr. Young were instructed to name the other member and elect their chairman.

The members of the Location Committee and the Membership Committee were instructed to make a report as soon as possible to Mr. Stallecup, chairman of the Board of Governors.

There was no further business before the meeting and it adjourned to meet again at the call of the Chairman.

Between 5,000,000 and 7,000,000 people visit the forests each year, according to the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. The national forests are natural centers of summer recreation, particularly for the masses of people whose vacation must be inexpensive.

Honoring his mother, Mrs. A. E. Mason, who is in her 86th year, C. F. Mason with Mrs. Mason gathered her sons and daughters and grandchildren about the Christmas table in their home at 721 North Worth avenue.

Mrs. Mason has four daughters and three sons, all married, with 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, who, with husbands and wives, brought about the Christmas table 42 people who were akin—a rare event in the West.

The recent arrival of Mrs. Lou Greer completed the circle, which for the last 15 years has been centering slowly in Tacoma. Each of its members contributed in some way to the entertainment following the dinner, those present being:

George Mason, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Mason, Mrs. Lou Greer, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rohrscheib, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. William Hampe, Mr. and Mrs. A. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Rohrscheib, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Rohrscheib, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mason, Mrs. L. McDonald, Elsie Mason, Charley Mason, Alfred Greer, Howard Mason, Lucille Mason, Lucille McDonlad, Rex McDonald, Anna Lee Griffin, Maxine Rohrscheib, Virginia Rohrscheib, Charles McDonald, Lester McDonald, Virginia McDonald, Larry Rohrscheib, Shirley Rohrscheib, Mr. and Mrs. James Mason, Jr.; others being Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Albice and their daughter, Margaret.—Tacoma, Washington Exchange.

TWO SMALL FIRES CALL OUT COMPANY

Saturday just before noon the fire company was called out by an alarm from the residence of J. B. Rothrock on South Kingshighway. Fire was noticed by neighbors in the roof near the chimney who notified the family. It was but a few minutes until the engine was on the grounds and another minute or two before the fire was put out. A defective flue was the probable cause. The house is owned by Mrs. Henson.

At 3:30 Sunday morning the fire siren screamed out the alarm for another fire. This time it was from Frisco and the John Andres butcher shop was the place. The fire department was soon on the ground but the fragile building was soon a mass of ruins. The fire broke out in the small room at the rear. There was supposed to be no fire in the building and no reason for the fire unless it was of incendiary origin. The big ice box was badly charred on the outside and will have to be rebuilt, while the inside was not hurt. No insurance was carried by Mr. Andres and the loss is keenly felt. Rebuilding will begin at once and Mr. Andres will continue the butcher shop at the same stand.

B. F. Morrison of Oran is in charge of the Kroger store in Sikeston in place of Albert Shields who resigned.

Major Malone, Lieutenants Arterburn, Smith and Dye attended the Governor's ball at the Executive Mansion in Jefferson City.

Representative Fred L. Ogilvie of Scott County, has been assigned to the following committees by Speaker Hunter: Chairman of Public Health and Scientific Institutions, Banks and Banking.

Sunday night burglars entered the National Guard Armory through the second story back window and stole 20 wool shirts and 5 Smith & Wesson 45 calibre army revolvers. It is believed to be the work by local talent and it is hoped they will soon be caught.

Louise Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Woods of North Ranney street, was bitten last Thursday on the arm and leg by a fox terrier belonging to Bill Bowman. Mr. Woods secured a shot gun and killed the dog. He had the head sent to St. Louis for examination.

The farmers of the Sikeston district are plowing for spring planting and all are in a cheerful and hopeful mood. If we can have another good cotton and sunflower crop they will but our farmers where they can see daylight again. Wheat and corn and corn and wheat year after year has proven to be a losing game and for that reason the corn and wheat acreage is to be divided between cotton and sunflowers. This will give a variety that should give good returns.

Fifteen or twenty fellows crawled through a broken window in the A. J. Matthews mule barn on Front street about a week ago to hold some sort of secret session. Chief of Police Randal heard of it and went down to join the meeting. While he was trying to get through the window those on the inside sought the air and rushed out the front door that they opened from the inside. Uncle Joe feels certain they were in there to talk to the bones but he has no evidence to that effect. He knows who was there, though, and doesn't believe the meeting was called to discuss the political situation.

J. B. Randal, chief of police, recently captured a gallon jug of moonshine whiskey and locked it up in one of the cells in the city jail for safe keeping. A few days ago he locked up a young barber, Chewy by name, but not in the cell with the jug. The next four or five days Chewy appeared to be groggy and claimed he was sick. It dawned on Uncle Joe that the jug was the cause of the grogginess and he proceeded to investigate. Chewy had pulled the sack containing the jug, to the front of the cell and through the bars had tapped the jug. Little of the liquor was left and Uncle Joe poured the balance of it out and Chewy was fully recovered the day after.

Miss Gertrude Leebolt of Harper street, St. Louis, was a visitor to Sikeston last week, stopping with friends. Miss Leebolt is prominent in civic activities, being known as an organizer of great ability. During the war she served as a nurse overseas, being stationed at Brest, later being transferred to close behind the lines at Ypres. At Chateau Thierry, she suffered from a night raid on the hospital, by a German plane. Due to the cool-headedness of the nurses in attendance, there were no other casualties. Miss Leebolt was returned to this country as a casual, but has since regained her health. She is again engaged in work amongst women's organization.

CHIROPRACTIC--NATURE--TIME--HEALTH

If you are hampered in your work or happiness by lack of health, get the chiropractic idea—all else follows, because chiropractic is based upon a fundamental idea that is absolutely correct. The recent "flu" epidemic statistics shows that the average cases under chiropractic vertebral adjustments responded from 5 to 6 days.

LEO H. SCHNURBUSCH Chiropractor

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Phone 355

NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Farm Bureau Holds Annual Meeting

New Madrid County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting on Friday of last week. The attendance was light due to favorable weather for early farm work.

The officers elected for next year are: J. K. Robins, President; Geo. M. Meier, Vice-President and A. J. Renner, Secretary.

The main feature of the meeting was an address by C. C. Henry, the President of the Arkansas Cotton Growers' Ass'n. Mr. Henry gave a clear and concise explanation of the method of marketing cotton as carried out by other associations.

Those present were very favorably impressed with the results and in favor of the organization of the cotton growers ass'n. for this district.

The report of the County Agent showed that:

Four live stock shipping associations had been organized in the past and had done approximately \$100,000 worth of business in the past year.

800,000 cc serum of hog cholera had been distributed and 7 vaccinating schools held which was attended by approximately 60 farmers.

The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., has increased over \$200,000 in the past year.

The Farm Loan Ass'n. has loaned \$140,000.

An educational exhibit at the Sikeston District Fair won approximately \$200 in prizes.

22 wheat fields were inspected for purity making pure seed wheat available.

One flock reached the standard for certification. 18 culling demonstrations were held and flocks were culled 20%.

14 state and federal specialists were erected in the county working a total of 48 days.

2 cars of picric acid has been distributed.

2 pig clubs have been organized at New Madrid and Parma.

2 acid phosphate demonstrations was held showing a yield of 10 bushels per acre in corn.

One field of seed sweet potatoes were certified making available 200 bushels of seed.

2 home economics schools have been held teaching the practices of making hats and dress forms.

The report of the Business Agent that a business of approximately \$12,000 had been done for the Farm Bureau office for the past year.

The delegates selected to attend

the M. F. B. F. were J. K. Robbins, G. M. Meier, and A. J. Renner.

Organization Committee of Cotton Growers' Meeting

The organization committee from eight Southeast Missouri counties met at Sikeston on January 11, 1923 for the purpose of considering advisability of a cotton marketing association for Southeast Missouri. The delegation from New Madrid County were: X. Caverino, G. M. Meier and M. F. Elmers.

All Southeast Missouri counties were represented and in addition two representatives from Pulaski County, Ill., were present.

C. C. Moser, Secretary of the American Cotton Growers' Ass'n., explained the co-operative marketing movement in cotton as well as other commodity organizations. C. G. Henry, President of the Arkansas Cotton Growers' Ass'n., was also present and explained the working of the Arkansas Cotton Growers' Ass'n.

All the Southeast Missouri expressed themselves favorably for the organization for such an association.

The representatives from Pulaski Co., Ill., stated that several counties in Illinois were interested in the raising of cotton and all probability would desire to affiliate with Southeast Missouri in the cotton marketing movement.

The meeting voted that a permanent organization committee should be elected by the delegates of each county. The following committeemen were elected:

New Madrid—X. Caverino, Canalou; Mississippi County—Hugh McPhee; others, Charleston; Scott County—W. H. Tanner, Sikeston; Pemiscot County—C. C. Raine, Hayti; Butler County—J. C. Corrigan, Poplar Bluff; Cape Girardeau County—Julian N. Friant, Cape Girardeau; Dunklin County—A. R. Zimmerman, Clarkton.

Fred Naeter of Cape Girardeau and Dwight H. Brown of Poplar Bluff were appointed as representatives of the press interests.

S. B. Hunter of Cape Girardeau was appointed as representatives of the banking interests.

The organization committee had a short session after the general meeting and will meet on Thursday, January 18.

Certified Seed Sweet Potatoes Available

300 bushels of certified seed sweet potatoe will be available for farmers of this section this year. J. W. Collins of Lilbourn, has produced these potatoes which are of the Porto Rico variety.

E. M. Page of the Agricultural Extension Service, came to inspect the

potatoes. The certified seed project is a part of the program of work of the Farm Bureau.

Seed sweet potatoe to be certified must be true to name free from disease.

Farm Loan Ass'n Pays Dividend

New Madrid County National Farm Loan Ass'n held its annual meeting of stockholders on Tuesday, January 9. The board of directors voted to pay 50% of the dividends that have been received from the Federal Land Bank, that have been credited to each account.

The officers and directors elected were: W. S. Edwards, President; C. R. Post, Vice-President; J. M. Miles, Secretary-Treasurer; S. R. Shy, E. V. Jewett and G. M. Meier.

The following is report of financial statement of the Association as of January 1st:

Resources

Cash in Commercial Trust

Compnay \$ 837.87

Accounts receivable 451.98

Bills Receivable 1325.00

Federal Land Bank 18475.00

Reserve Account:

Federal Land Bank Bonds. 206.58

Time Deposit 25.00

Total Resources \$21321.43

Liabilities & Capital Stock

Undivided Earnings \$ 844.52

Dividends from Federal Land

Bank on Stock 1991.91

Reserve Account Earnings.. 10.00

Capital Stock (Held by members) 18475.00

Total Liabilities and capital stock \$21321.43

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

W. A. Hunter and wife of New Madrid County to E. M. Wiman of Yale County, Ill.: Lot 24 and all of lot 17 in L. A. Lewis 2nd sub-division to the city of Lilbourn. \$1000.

Maggie Hardin and husband of Clankton to W. H. Pavay of Hartzell: Lot 2 in block 6 in the town of Hartzell. \$40.

S. G. Camp and wife of Lilbourn to Fred Tope and wife of New Madrid County: Lot 66 range E in the city of Lilbourn. \$1000.

Noah Atchley, et al to L. D. Waters, all of New Madrid County: A parcel of ground adjoining lot 4, blk. 1 1st addition to the town of Matthews. For a more particular description see page 216, ook 79. \$800.

Jennie Anderson and husband to Harry Black of New Madrid County: Lots 15 and 16, blk. 29 of the city of Morehouse. \$1600.

Louis M. Koch and James A. McFeely of St. Louis to Theodore A. Gross and wife of St. Louis. The west $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 26, twp. 21, range 11 lying south of the pole road, containing 70.40 acres and that portion of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 27, range 11, lying east of the center line ditch 1 of the L. R. D. D., containing 60.35 acres. \$100 and other valuable consideration.

Louis M. Koch and wife to Theodore A. Cross and wife of St. Louis: East $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 26, twp. 22 range 11 containing 80 acres. \$100 and other valuable considerations.

B. F. Swartz of Matthews to Elia and Van Vaughn of New Madrid County: Lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 10 in B. F. Swartz add. to the village of Catron. \$130.

Marriage Licenses

Ollie Brown Williams and Lulu May Ledford, both of Marston.

E. L. Beardsley and Della Murphy, both of Marston.

Elvin Long and Lena Love, both of Hartzell.

Louis Ferrell and Beulah Jenkins, both of Caruthersville.

Murray Klein has purchased the Dr. Stewart property on South Kingshighway and will occupy same this spring.

Mrs. R. A. Moll and children of Grand Chain, Ill. arrived Friday of this week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard on Dorothy street.

There are many bargains yet to be found at Farmers Supply Co., while the stock is low the assortment is fairly complete. This would be a splendid opportunity for someone to engage in the furniture business, as this is for sale and it would only take a small capital to handle it.

Chas. L. Blanton, Jr., of The Sikeston Standard, came down yesterday afternoon and remained over night in this city, looking after matters of private business as well as conferring with Secretary Litzelfeler upon affairs having to do with the Fair Associations, Mr. Blanton being secretary of his local fair organization. He also attended the dance at the Armory hall last night and we acknowledge a brief fraternal call from him upon his arrival yesterday afternoon.—Caruthersville Democrat.

THE BOLL WEEVIL AND THE CORN BELT

Thoughtful northern farmers are now watching with a great deal of interest the struggle the cotton growers of the south are making to bring the boll weevil under control. There is good reason why the northern farmer should be interested. Unless cotton farmers can continue to grow cotton profitably, they will from very necessity grow more corn and live stock, which they have heretofore purchased from the north in great quantities. The experience of the last two or three years has shown us very clearly that the addition of a few hundred million bushels of corn to a normal crop depresses the price out of all proportion to the increase in production. Northern farmers, therefore, have a very direct financial interest in the fight against the boll weevil. Cotton is the great cash crop of the south. The soil and climate and labor conditions are all favorable to cotton production. It would pay southern farmers to diversify their farming more than they have up to the present time. It would pay them to grow more corn and live stock; but their farming must center around cotton.

Recent reports indicate progress in fighting the boll weevil. At one of the southern experiment stations there seems to have been developed an improved method of using the arsenical poison which has been found effective against the insect, but which heretofore has been too expensive except on land which will produce over half a bale to the acre. This new method seems to justify its use on land which produces less than a half bale. It is to be hoped that it will be found successful throughout the cotton section.—Wallaces' Farmer.

CHARLESTON PULLMAN SERVICE IS DENIED

The Missouri Pacific Railroad does

not feel justified at this time in a res-

olution to restore the Charleston-St. Louis

Pullman service, as requested in a

resolution passed by the Business

Mens' League at its meeting last week.

A letter to the effect was received

Monday by the Enterprise-Courier

from C. L. Stone, passenger traffic

manager, who asserts that the former

service, abandoned about the first of

last year, when a number of main line

trains were taken off, was non-remun-

erative.—Enterprise-Courier, Charles-

ton.

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Donald Davis, a former High School

boy has entered as one of the thirteen

contestants for the Inter-student Oratorical Contest, to be held at the

Teachers College auditorium on the

evening of February 2, when a repre-

sentative will be chosen to enter the

college contest in Cape Girardeau,

March 23.

CHARLES JONES HERE

IN "TROOPER O'NEIL"

A Fox production of more than ordi-

nary interest is coming to the Ma-

alone Theatre Saturday. It is called

"Trooper O'Neil", and the star is

Charles Jones. A reviewer in another

city says of this film: "It is a breath

of the Canadian woodlands. When

the picture opens you are greeted by

a scene where snow-capped peaks

raise their crests, plumed with giant

pines. That is the background for a

story which is swift in action and en-

grossing in theme. The beauty of

the settings is cleverly blended with

the ever-increasing charm of this

spirited romance. Situation follows

situation in rapidly increasing suc-

cession to the final stirring climax.

COMPLETE PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION AND TOWN REPORT NO. 36 ON SIKESTON

Town in General

Government—A mayor and eight aldermen elected for two years. Population—3,613 (1920 census) 3,327 (1910); 1,077 (1900). Area—About 1 1/4 sq. mi. about one-half built upon. Topography—Flat. Streets—Mercantile district and part of residential section, paved; others, gravel or dirt; railroad grade crossings to south residential section and minor mercantile center. Climatic Conditions—Prevailing winds from the south; conditions generally not severe. Supporting Industries—Agricultural community; large flour mill and grain elevator. Mercantile District—The principal district comprises about twelve acres in the center of town. Brick construction prevails; average height, two-story. Heating by stoves and steam; brick flues; electric lighting, general. The conflagration hazard is moderate. A minor center in west end of town. Dwellings—Generally frame; shingle roofs; clearances between are fair. Fire Records—The number of fires and losses since January 1st are very high.

General Features of Fire Fighting Facilities

Waterworks—Municipal water system; power from privately owned utility. System—Combined gravity and pumping. Source—Two wells; apparently adequate; no shortage reported, but some trouble from sand. Pump House—Intermediate location; fire-proof; moderate exposure; public protection; constant attendance at site; fire alarms received by phone. Power House—Remote location; brick non-fire-proof; moderate exposure; public and private protection; constant attendance. Pumps—Total capacity 1,650,000-gal. per day in two electric units. Power—from remote sources (at Cape Girardeau) four steam boilers and two electric generators adequate for pumping load; two reserve electric units and three boilers at Charleston. Storage—One 60,000-gal. tank at inadequate elevation for fire pressure direct from hydrants is kept in service for fires. Underground System—Fair gridiron of 8", 6" and 4" pipes in mercantile district; short to long loops and dead ends of 6" and 4" pipe elsewhere; 59%—4" pipe; 12%—dead end 4" pipe. Total about 94 mi. of cast iron pipe; 8"-2,600'; 6-17,000'; 4"-28,400'. Gate Valves—Total, 69; effective spacing is generally wide; no regular inspection. Fire Hydrants—Total 68; double 2 1/2" outlets threaded standard; operation uniform; no regular inspection; condition, generally good, distribution, fair to good. Pressure and Fire Flows—Normal pressures of 50 to 53 lb. in all sections are used for fires. The greatest number of standard fire streams available at 60 lb. in the mercantile district, none; but at pressure adequate to supply fire engine, about two for 10-hr period, 2 1/2 for 5-hr. period or 3/4 for 2-hr. period. The standard of fire flow for the mercantile district is about 8 standard fire streams each of 250-gal. per min. at 60 lb. pressure in the mains. Records and Maps—Map of mains, valves and hydrants. Elevations—The mercantile district is about 20' above pumps and about 100' below base of elevated tank. FIRE DEPARTMENT—Organization—a "call" chief, one full-paid man, and 11 call men paid for services; no rules, drills nor building inspections. Fire Station—Exposed non-fireproof brick; centrally located. Apparatus and Equipment—One 400-gal. automobiles pump, chemical and hose truck; one hand-drawn reel in reserve belonging to water department; minor equipment, fair. Hose—Total, 2,300' of 2 1/2"; couplings threaded standard; hose dried in outside tower; conduit, appears fair to good. Fire Methods—A light automobile pumper; fair sized shut-off nozzles used; chemical equipment, fair; no long ladders; hose supply, good; only one full-paid man; no waterproof covers. Records—Complete records on fires are kept. Outside Aid—Remote. Fire Alarm—Constant commercial telephone service; alarms transmitted to call men from common terminal; general alarm by electric siren operated direct from telephone exchange. Police—One on duty at day and one at night.

Fire Prevention Provisions

FIRE LIMITS—They comprise the principal and minor mercantile districts wherein frame construction and combustible roofs are prohibited; small wooden sheds permitted; fairly effective in principal mercantile district. Meager regulations on stove pipes and flues; no enforcement.

ELECTRICAL LAWS—None; conditions of interior wiring is generally poor.

EXPLOSIVES AND INFLAMMABLES—Dynamite permitted in magazines; fireworks prohibited; waste in mercantile district must be burned or stored in metal containers; ordinances meager.

General Recommendations

1. Pumps—Overhaul triplex pump

so that it will deliver its full rated capacity.

2. Pump House—(a) Install all electrical wiring to conform to the National Electrical Code. (b) Provide chemical extinguishers suitable for electrical fires.

3. Power—(a) The electric transmission line from Poplar Bluff should be extended to Sikeston. (b) If municipal power plant is installed at Sikeston, sufficient power units should be installed to carry the maximum pumping and electric load.

4. Underground System—(c) All future extensions to system supplying fire hydrants should be not smaller than 6" pipe. (d) Eliminate dead-end mains where practicable. (e) Install the following mains or their effective equivalent:

(d) size 6" along Scott from Malone to Gladys.

(e) 6" along Malone from School to Delmar.

(f) 6" along Kingshighway from Woodlawn to Wakefield.

(g) 6" Gladys from Delmar to Frisco.

(h) Inspect all gate valves at least annually to insure good operation and wide open position.

5. Fire Hydrants—Test all fire hydrants at least semi-annually and inspect them before and during freezing weather.

6. Records—Install a recording pressure gage on the system and keep a record of water pumped.

7. Fire Department—The fire department force should be organized with rules and regular drills in the best fire methods.

8.—Apparatus—(a) Maintain in reserve for exclusive fire department use a car loaded with 500' of 2 1/2" fire hose arranged for towing, or drawn by hand (design of cart furnished on application). (b) Provide waterproof covers on fire truck air relief valves for connecting fire hose lines direct to hydrants.

9. Hose—Maintain at all times not less than 1500' to 2000' of good 2 1/2" fire hose, wetted inside occasionally, always dried in an inside tower, and tested annually to 200 lb. static pressure. New hose purchased should preferably bear the "label" of the Underwriters Laboratories.

10. Ordinances—With fire limits of adequate extent adopt modern regulations controlling buildings, flues, heating equipment, electric wiring, explosives, highly flammable liquids and materials, rubbish and ashes; all under effective fire department inspection and supervision. (Suitable modern ordinances will be furnished on application).

Conclusion

The public fire protection is ample for the present allowed 4 1/2 classification. To attain 4th classification, item No. 1 of the "General Recommendations" is submitted.

The pumps, water storage, pressure and fire flow are fair for the class. The source of water supply, pump house, power, mains, hydrants, fire department force, fire station, apparatus, equipment, and fire alarm are good for the class.

The ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians and Persians began their new year at the autumnal solstice (September 21) and the Greeks until the Fifth century, B. C., began the year at the winter solstice (December 21.) In 432, B. C., the Greeks changed the festival to June 21, the beginning of summer.

Albert Cox, who is employed by Louie Shields at La Forge, while working Thursday morning, put his knife with the blade open in his coat pocket. While pulling on a rope, which he wanted to cut, his hand slipped and he fell back on the ground, his right arm just above the elbow striking the knife inflicting a deep cut, which nearly passed entirely thru his arm. The arm was corded to stop the profuse flow of blood and Mr. Cox came to this city to have his arm dressed by Dr. Fiske.—New Madrid Record.

It is seldom that justice operates with such rapidity in the matter of crime as in the case of Harry James, a negro, who shot at Riley Malone, a crippled white man in this city, Sunday night. Monday James was arraigned before Justice Henderson and waiving preliminary his case was booked for the circuit court and as that tribunal was then in session the accused went into circuit court, plead guilty to the charge of assault with intent to kill and was sentenced by Judge Ing to seven years in the penitentiary—and what is further remarkable in the matter of expedition, James started on his way to the penitentiary Tuesday at 11 a. m., Hon. L. E. Tedrick taking him on No. 32, Mr. Tedrick himself going to Jefferson City to attend the forthcoming session of the Legislature, which met Wednesday.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

General Recommendations

1. Pumps—Overhaul triplex pump

RETAIL MERCHANTS INVITED TO ST. LOUIS

Plans are being perfected by the Advertising Club and merchants in St. Louis concerning the "merchandising institute" which promises to make St. Louis the mecca of retailers, wholesalers and advertising men on February 6, 7, 8. The institute will be a part of the Seventh District Conference of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

The seventh district includes nearly all the trade territory of St. Louis and Kansas City, and store owners in this part of the country are being invited and urged to attend and bring one or two of their clerks along, if possible.

The theme of the conference will be "move more merchandise", and because of the interest all retailers have in this subject a large attendance is forecast. The dates coincide with the spring buying season, and merchants from all over the southwest are arranging their buying trip to include these dates, and are sending in reservations.

Features of the program definitely scheduled include the appearance of thirty nationally known authorities on retailing, merchandising and advertising.

A comprehensive series of educational talks and classes will be held on the afternoons of the above dates, where show card writing, window trimming writing and laying out of newspaper advertising and direct mail campaigns will be demonstrated by experts.

Exhibits costing and representing thousands of dollars, illustrating and visualizing for the retailer, wholesaler, and manufacturer what to do and what not to do to get more business and more goods will be on display.

Photographs of different types of window trims, illustrating applications of principles in decorating grocery, hardware and dry-goods windows will be shown, and complete store fronts will be on display, showing the right and wrong methods of using this valuable space. Methods of tying up store display and newspaper advertising so both will get results will be explained.

The program of speakers includes such men as Samuel A. McElveen, Governor of Nebraska, Lou Holland, President of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, Joseph Meadon, President of the Direct Mail Advertising Association, Fred P. Mann of Devil's Lake, North Dakota, one of the most successful retailers in the United States, and George W. Hopkins, Vice-President of the Columbia Phonograph Company, New York City.

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DEMOCRATS REDUCING LEGISLATIVE CLERKS

Jefferson City, Mo., January 6.—Reduction of the number of clerks in the House of Representatives from more than 250 to a total of 123, including all officers and employees, was the first stroke of economy which was made by Democratic Legislators who are in control of that body. A like reduction in the number employed in the Senate has been forecast by President Pro Tem W. R. Painter and Senator Frank H. Farris, Democratic leader. Democratic leaders in both branches express a determination that the affairs of state be returned to an economical status which marked the party's rule for more than forty years.

The clerical force committees in the Senate and House are composed of men who are anxious that expenditures be kept to the minimum. In the Senate Senator Nick Cave of Fulton is chairman with Senators Kinney, James, McMurry, Anderson of Scott, Democrats; Pickett and Warner, Republicans.

The House Clerical committee is headed by Representative Dale of Ray county, whose policies are in keeping with the party's campaign pledges.

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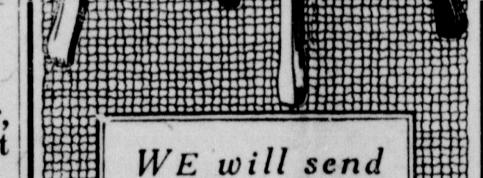
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SEN. WHITECOTTON LOADED FOR BEAR

Hon. James H. Whitecotton, state senator from the Monroe county district, had a bunch of bills of unusual interest to office holders and taxpayers when he left Paris this week to begin his legislative duties at Jefferson City.

One of the measures proposes to wipe out the Hotel Inspection department which was created under a bill introduced by Frank W. McAllister, a former senator from this district.

Another measure proposes radical reductions in the salaries of county school superintendents and prosecuting attorneys.

Another measure proposes to abolish the tax commission at Jefferson City.

A bill of more vital importance to the senator's constituents, especially those who own real estate, is one which proposes to relieve Missouri citizens from burdens incident to paying taxes on money they owe on their places. The bill is modeled after the Indiana law and there is no doubt of its constitutionality.

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ST. LOUIS LIKELY TO GET DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Washington, January 6.—Although Democrats high in the councils of the party insist no thought has been placed on where the 1924 national convention will be held it is known that a strong effort will be made to hold it in a middle west city. The two prominently

COTTON MEN OF S. E. MISSOURI FAVOR MARKET ORGANIZATION

First steps in organizing a Southeast Missouri Cotton Marketing Association were taken at a meeting in Sikeston Thursday of last week, there being representatives from eight Southeast Missouri counties and one from one Illinois county present.

The idea of organizing such an association was unanimously approved by the delegates from all counties represented.

The conference was held in the auditorium of the City Hall, with a large number of business men and farmers taking part. The regular delegates appointed from the various counties of Southeast Missouri were: New Madrid, George Meier, M. F. Ehlers and W. H. Sikes; Dunklin, P. R. Richardson and C. E. James; Stoddard, C. O. Walker and James Hux; Cape Girardeau, S. B. Hunter, Julien N. Friant and John H. Gehrs; Pemiscot, Gideon Crews, S. P. Reynolds and C. O. Rainey; Butler, Ina Brite and E. D. Walker; Mississippi, C. A. Sackery, A. S. Hult, Thad Snow and Wm. Holloway; Scott, Theo. Hopper, Floy Collins, Louis Watkins, Frank Emerson, Emmett Burke and Ed Cheuning.

Chairman Raine then stated that the meeting was to discuss the feasibility of an organization for marketing cotton in Southeast Missouri and asked C. O. Moser, of Dallas, Texas, secretary of the American Cotton Growers Exchange to explain the plan adopted in other states for marketing the product.

Mr. Moser spoke at length on the subject, explaining the need of business methods in this matter and showing by illustrations that the plan had been successful in the eight states already working through the state organizations and the American exchange, which performs the functions of a clearing house and deals with problems of marketing in which all the state organizations are interested, explaining that the business of the exchange was to handle sales of cotton to the big eastern markets and in Europe for all the associated marketing associations, thereby obviating the necessity for each state organization maintaining a selling agency in these markets.

He gave instances of considerable profit having been made through this plan, not only in preventing friction between the various state organizations, but by dividing the overhead expenses of the selling business between the local associations.

He said that the plan had effected a saving of one-half of a cent to two cents on every pound sold.

He explained, also, that this central organization gave a more stabilized force for dealing with large buyers in our eastern markets and in Europe and that many large customers had been secured who would look to the exchange for all their cotton products in the future.

His address was an able one, entering into all details in such a manner that those present were given a clear understanding of the plan and its successful operations in disposing of cotton products at a great profit to the members of the organizations.

Another speaker, C. G. Henry of Newport, Ark., a banker of that city and president of the Arkansas Cotton Growers Marketing Association, explained in detail as to the organization, its methods and its success in his state.

He asserted that the fear of an inability to finance the association in Missouri need not stand in the way, as the scheme had been so successful in Arkansas that his state organization was being offered more financial backing than it could use.

He also offered the services of his selling organization to the Missouri association at the same cost that it

gave the Arkansas branch, which would effect a large saving to the Missourians in their first year's work.

He refuted the accusation that farmers will not stick together in any movement by telling that of 6000 farmers who had signed a contract for membership last year not one had failed to live up to contract, except a few who had so deeply mortgaged their crops that they could not enter them in the selling pool, which condition had come about previous to the forming of the marketing association.

Mr. Henry said that the cotton growers of the states that had gone into this plan felt that it was the only one in which they could handle their selling business satisfactorily and profitably.

But he warned the Missourians not to be "too enthusiastic in the matter. Stick to your grain farming and raise plenty of food and feed for your needs", he advised. "Do not undertake more than you can accomplish satisfactorily, or your venture will prove disastrous", was his warning.

Many questions were asked by the delegates and others interested and Messrs. Moser and Henry answered these questions fully and satisfactorily.

They explained about the ginning, transportation and selling of the product, giving advice as to how the Missourians should proceed.

In order to complete the organization of the Missouri association an organization committee was named, composed of one cotton grower in each county, with three others from the district, a banker, a business man and a member of the press.

The members of this committee were chosen by the various delegates and are as follows: New Madrid, X. Caverno; Mississippi, Hugh McPheters; Scott, W. H. Tanner; Butler, John C. Corrigan; Cape Girardeau, Julien Friant; Dunklin, A. R. Zimmerman; Mound City, Illinois, William Bestgen.

The banker member of the organization committee is S. B. Hunter of Cape Girardeau. Fred Naeter of Cape Girardeau and Dwight H. Brown of Poplar Bluff were named as the press members for the committee.

Two delegates were present from Southern Illinois—W. R. Eastman and William Bestgen of Mound City—

who explained that the farmers in their vicinity had agreed to plant

about 700 acres to cotton and that

they wanted to become members of

the Southeast Missouri marketing

association.

In addition to the delegates at the conference there were many men from the various counties of Southeast Missouri, among them being all the county farm agents in the district, except from Scott county, he being kept away by illness. H. L. Hensley of the State Agriculture College and L. E. Rast of Wilson, Arkansas, were also present and took part in the discussions.

Let's Finish the Job

Few public officials have won such general commendation as have the five members of the state highway commission, Gary, Compton, Matthews, Carleton and Buehler. Not that there has not been criticism and disappointment over road location but no citizen who amount to anything ever has questioned the ability or integrity of these men nor asserted they were governed by any motive except to do their very best for the state. Buehler, state geologist and ex-officio member, is a state employee and this work might be considered a part of his job but I know Buehler has made sacrifices to serve. Not one of the others but accepted the position at heavy sacrifice of time and money. Perhaps no one action of Governor Hyde has won such wide approval as the selection of these men.

Having convinced themselves that we have a commission big enough for the job, Missouri people are not going to stand for the work of the obstructionists who would hold up the building program and leave unfinished the work begun.

It would be manifestly unfair to the citizens of counties where contracts were not let last year if the legislature failed to approve further bond issues and the state allowed to remain cut up in sections of hard and dirt roads. So soon as the farmer is given a highway wherein he can transport his goods to market that soon will his transportation ills be alleviated.

There has been a tremendous increase in trucking, even with dirt roads. With hard roads much of the livestock and produce shipped to our cities will go by truck and the farmer can let extortioate freight rates go hang. Not one county in Missouri but should have road building before the close of this year.—Missouri Ruralist.

Beetles, moths and butterflies do not grow after they are out of the caterpillar stage.

Voss Williams, formerly the manager of The Lair Music Store in Sikeston, was here Friday afternoon and called on The Standard.

The Blodgett High School basketball boys and girls team journeyed to New Madrid Tuesday evening to play the New Madrid teams. The game between the girls was fast, furious and exciting, and New Madrid won by a score of 9 to 8. The boys game was very one-sided, 25 to 2 in favor of Blodgett.

Now comes James W. Price, director of publicity of the Missouri State Fair at Sedalia, and asks the country weeklies of the State to leg the members of the Senate and Legislature for an increased appropriation for that fair. Here is how The Standard proposes to leg. The State has paid for the grounds and the building and has heretofore stood all losses.

In the future the State Fair and Sedalia would finance itself or would close its gates. The Standard believes

the State Fair would be self-sustaining if the public was not held up by Sedalia when they go there.

DEATH CLAIMS HATTIE R. ALLEN

Hattie R. Allen, 81 years old, widow of the late Benjamin F. Allen, widely known farmer of near Benton, died at her home at 451 N. Frederick street a 12:20 p. m. today, succumbing to a complication of diseases.

She recently suffered a severe attack of pneumonia, which left her in a weakened condition. Her heart was affected by the disease and this, combined with her age, caused her demise.

Mrs. Allen is one of the last descendants of an old pioneer family that came to Southeast Missouri when this section was only sparsely settled. Her grandfather, Uriah Brock, is one of the few revolutionary soldiers buried in a cemetery here.

She was born September 19, 1841, near Benton. In 1919 she moved to Cape Girardeau, after the death of her husband. She was quite active in spite of her advanced age, and was a member of the Eastern Star lodge, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Christ Episcopal church.

She is survived by three sons and one-half sister. The sons are: Clyde of Cape Girardeau; Dr. W. H. of Blodgett, and R. G. of Benton. The half-sister is Mrs. Mary Waters of Blytheville, Ark.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Christ Episcopal church. Rev. J. H. Taylor will have charge of the services. Interment will be in the mausoleum in Lorimier cemetery.—Cape Girardeau.

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**WHAT CLASS SHALL RUN
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI**

As has been stated before, in some sections of Southeast Missouri the black man and his family are not wanted and we are told not one resides in Stoddard County on farms. In some parts of the Sikeston District can be found neighborhoods where they are not wanted on the farm. The Standard can truthfully say that at no time in the past ten years has this section so needed peace and harmony, close application to business and strict economy as now. Hardly a landowner but what has borrowed to the limit to carry on, and no tenant farmer but what is groaning under the burden that he is carrying. Three or four years ago tenant after tenant in this community were classed as being financially well-to-do, but now many of them are working as day laborers without financial backing to start again, are old and broken in spirit and have given up hopes for the future. It is absolutely necessary to have help on the farm. It is likewise necessary to have a variety of crops growing if the farmer ever expects to get out of debt. Noting the success with cotton just south of us our farmers decided to put out a large acreage this spring and sought negro families in the South who were cotton raisers to take charge of this branch of the farming. The past few weeks has brought hundreds of these families into this section and we will state that they are big families, well dressed and every one of them self-sustaining and with bank accounts. It is to these people that Southeast Missouri and the Sikeston District are looking to work us out of the financial hole. The white tenants should not take offense at landlords for trying to save their lands with this cotton help for the cotton help will likewise be the salvation of the white tenants who can get ready help from them when in need of it. It is not a social move by any means, but move for the good of landlord, tenant, laborer and merchant. The threat to intimidate these black families will be frowned on by the better element in town and country alike, because we need the money they brought here with them and need their help in the raising of cotton and the gathering of crops. The Standard feels certain that a careful study of the situation will show the need of these people and there will be nothing to fear.

W. E. Whitecotton, member of the Legislature from Monroe County and a Democrat, has furnished the Republicans a fine piece of political ammunition by his fight on school teachers and county school superintendents. If the Democrats of the State back Whitecotton's silly utterances they certainly cannot hope to carry the State at the next election.

Brother Bradley came in Tuesday from a trip through the counties above here in the interest of the Methodist Church of which he is presiding elder. The many places he visited in the short time and the number of meetings he held proves that the seed sown is the greatest pay that a presiding elder gets. Satisfaction of trying to do is sometimes about all a preacher or an editor gets.

The Woman's Club held their regular meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday afternoon. In the absence of the president, Mrs. B. F. Blanton, Mrs. Harry Blanton, as first vice-president, presided. After the regular order of business the program "Yellowstone Park". Miss Mable Barnett, who toured through the park this last summer, gave with pictures and a description, a most pleasing and interesting program, assisted by Miss Audrey Chaney. The next regular meeting will be January 30th at 2:30 in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

The organ recital at the Methodist Church the evening of the 11th was one of the most enjoyable recitals that has ever been given in Sikeston. About 6000 were present and the silver offering at the door was almost enough to cover the cost. The next number given at the Church will be Glenn Lee, vocal tenor, who will appear Tuesday evening, February 20. This will be the second of a program consisting of five that will be given at the church and each number is calculated to be elevating and each should be well attended. All are free but a silver offering at the door will be acceptable which will go towards paying actual expenses.

**SEVERAL DEATHS
DURING THE WEEK**

Since our last issue Father Time with his Scythe of Death has been busy in the community and has been no respecter of person. The babe, the child, the matron and the mother fare alike. To write of death is an unpleasant task to the editor who knows that just over the Hill is the Valley of Death that one cannot escape for long when they have reached the allotted time of three score.

William Robert Wilkerson, the 10-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wilkerson, died at the home of its parents Thursday night, January 11, at 11:30 of bronchial pneumonia and was buried in the Sikeston Cemetery.

Joe Fahrenhopf, aged 6 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Fahrenkopf living just east of Sikeston, died Thursday, January 11, of scarlet fever and was buried in the Sikeston cemetery.

Mrs. Minnie D. Bryeans, aged 30 years died at her home in Oran, Friday, January 12, and was laid to rest in the Sikeston Cemetery. She was the daughter of Mrs. Adah Vaughn and sister of Mrs. Joe Bowman of this city, and had many friends and acquaintances here who were grieved at her passing. She leaves a husband and one child to mourn her loss.

The death of Mrs. Ed Wilson which occurred Monday was one of the saddest that has ever occurred in the community. She gave birth to her tenth child, a boy, Sunday, January 7, and while she had a severe cold it was thought not to be serious but soon developed into double pneumonia from which she died. The funeral service was held at the family residence Tuesday morning at 10:00 and at 1:00 the body was taken to Morley where it was buried in the family plot in the cemetery at that place. She was formerly Effie May Holder and born and raised in the vicinity of Morley. She was married to Ed Wilson 24 years ago and to the union came 10 children, 7 of whom survive, the babe but a week old. Mrs. Wilson was a good wife, a good mother, a good neighbor, and her passing is greatly regretted by a host of friends and acquaintances.

It is to be hoped that Representative Ogilvie and Senator Anderson of Scott County will have nothing to do with the bill introduced in the House at Jefferson City by Representative Whitecotton of Monroe County, to cut the salaries of County Superintendent of Schools and school teachers. The County Superintendent of Schools, if he is qualified at all, is not getting enough money as it is, and the teachers who are employed, at most, only 9 months in the year have hardly enough to buy a suit of clothes or a new dress after attending summer school. Let's boost for higher salaries, better qualifications and less demagogery.

For many months the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad running from Joplin, Mo., to Batesville, Ark., has had a hard time to run trains and protect their line through the thirteen counties which it traverses. This railroad is the only outlet for this entire section. Railroad Labor Unions have had trouble with the railway management and have done everything in their power to handicap the operation of the road. Bridges have been burned, culverts blown up, and the work has been placed at the doors of the Union whether they or guilty or not. A few nights ago five bridges were burned and the railroad management notified the public they would suspend operation of the line through Arkansas unless proper protection of their property was given by officers and citizens of that State. Headquarters of the Union was at Harrison, Ark. and to that place citizens of that section of the State to the number several hundred gathered and ordered all union officials to leave Harrison, and they left. An attempt to arrest one union man, E. C. Gregor who fired into the crowd and wounded a man, caused him to be hanged. Two more citizens who were sympathizers of the union men were severely whipped, and the town marshall forced to resign. All this was brought about by a handful of union men who attempted to force their claims on the railroad management of a bankrupt road that would have deprived these thirteen counties of any outlet of their products. This is a forerunner of what the public in general think of bulldozing tactics employed by some unions of the country.

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Make your selections early

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Lack of space prevents our listing each item, we will just say you can buy anything in stock at less than the wholesale cost

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Sikeston, Missouri

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THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**We are authorized to announce
Ralph McCullough of Morley for
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County, subject to the will of the voters
at the April, 1923, election.We are authorized to announce Jno.
H. Goodin of Benton for Superintendent
of Schools of Scott County, subject
to the will of the voters at the
April, 1923, election.The way of the transgressor is
hard and to be caught is worse. Married
men to be happy should stay at
home and not pose as single men.
Frequently it is embarrassing to have
the girls visit your home town and
learn the truth.One doesn't have to go to Turkey
to keep a harem. Sikeston has some
lesser lights who, unless they are
woefully lied on, have small harems.
Some of these days there is going to
rise in some families unless the har-
em business is cut out or moved to
some other town.We look for better things when con-
struction work on our state highways
begins. A lot of idle people will get
employment at good wages and busi-
ness will be stimulated thereby. It
will also be the Golden Age for local
knockers and kickers. All the con-
tractors will be crooks, all the laborers
will be loafers, all the material
will be below standard. Nothing will
go to suit them and the result will
be just the loveliest time they ever
had.Brookhart of Iowa offended Big
Business mightily last Friday by
reading into the Senate record a long
list of American corporations whose
dividends last year ranged all the
way from 200 to 2300 per cent. Al-
together, the bunch divided more than
two billions of dollars in profits
among their stockholders while Agri-
culture, out of whose pockets much
of the money came, was struggling to
keep out of the poorhouse.—Paris Ap-
peal.One of the blackest fellows you ever
saw came into The Standard office
Saturday to get a copy of the paper
and said he was told there was some-
thing in it that was favorable to a
black man being given a show to
make a living in this section. He
was from Arkansas, down below Wil-
son, and said conditions were so he
could not make a living there and
hoped the white folks up here would
give him a chance to show them that
he was a good farmer and a good
citizen.Did you ever notice that most all
the kicks on our public school come
either from men and women who have
educated their children in that school
and no other, or from men and women
who have no children of their own?
Just why any person desire to kill
the public school—the only real thing
that many country towns have—is be-
yond us. Instead of knocking the
public school why not boost it? Elec-
tion time will soon be here. Resolve
right now that you will boost the
school and do what you can to make it
better the coming year.Every big country town like Sikes-
ton has a few men who are, at times,
a little "wild" when away from home.
Two of our respected farmer-town
men were in St. Louis recently, ac-
companied by their wives this time.
At a famous restaurant where they
aimed to accommodate they went for
9 o'clock dinner. After the cheese
was served the waiter said to them:
"A couple o' nice demi-tasses, gents?"
The two men looked horror stricken,
and the older of the two said sternly:
"No, sir; certainly not. We're
expecting our wives at any moment,
and what would they say if they saw
us sitting here with a couple of demis-
tasses?" By gosh, young fellow, I
believe this is a disorderly house, and
for two pines I'd have you pinched".
This was too good for the younger
man to keep, but he begged us to give
no names.**The Jailbird Industry**

Prohibition must be credited with a measure of success. Within the 18 months from July, 1921, to December, 1922, there were 58,862 arrests for the "crimes" created by the prohibition laws. There were 27,801 convictions, with jail sentences aggregating 2044 years, 11 months and 24 days, and fines totaling \$5,220,558.02. There were pending on the dockets of the Federal courts 21,850 cases not disposed of. New cases were being docketed at a rate exceeding 3000 a month.

This is a wonderful record in the making of jailbirds for crimes unknown to the criminal calendar before prohibition, but the field of possible activity has been only scratched. A few illicit distillers, bootleggers and pocket flasks have been haled into court. The home brewers have hardly been touched. If prohibition is to be really enforced all of these must be reached by hook or crook—by blanket warrants or unwarranted raids, searches, seizures and arrests.

The building of jails must keep pace with the manufacture of jailbirds. We shall soon have a "criminal" population, created by crime-making laws, which will be the boast and pride of the most exacting of the fanatics who believe that the redemption of man depends upon the police power and the jail.—Post-Dispatch.

When I Was A Boy

By B. F. Blanton

When I was a boy there was more feeling in the preachers than in the present day minister product of theological colleges, where the head and not the heart is converted. How well do I remember how those old preachers would plead with sinners to flee from the wrath to come and with tears running down their cheeks beg them to accept Christ as their Saviour and be saved. It is very different now, where everything is to start off just so and where too often, the subject is just as apt to be, "Why do men love to eat?", as anything else. When did you hear a sermon that warmed your heart as they did under the old time preachers? Of course, our modern preachers are good fellows and we all love them but, one thing is certain, they do not warm your heart like the old hellfire preacher. Nowadays you would think hell was abolished but it isn't.

When I was a boy people were much better in observing Sunday than are the people of today. Away back there all work ceased on Sunday, both in the towns and in the country. Some people even cooked enough on Saturday to last over Sunday, and such thing as hunting or fishing on Sunday was never even thought of. Of course, if the ox got in the ditch they got him out—but they did not push him in. How is it now? Hunting and fishing is indulged in by even church members and many stores sell on Sunday—if they have a chance, while garages run all day just as they do any other day in the week. More church members joyride on Sunday than attend preaching. Sunday observance is about as well respected in the towns as in the country we are sorry to say.

When I was a boy there were no coffins kept in stock at any of the country towns in Central Missouri. When a person died a measure was taken of the body and given to a carpenter either in town or country and a real firstclass coffin was soon made. They were always made of clear walnut lumber and polished until you could see yourself as in a looking glass. Looking back at those nice shiny coffins makes me feel like it was almost a pleasure to be put in one of them. It cost \$15 or \$20 for a coffin then and even poor folks could afford to die, but none but the well-to-do can afford to die now and maybe that is the reason so many of us old folks are still hanging on. But the rope will soon break, the end come, then we'll not kick about the bill.

The Roman catacombs are 530 miles in extent, and it is estimated that something like 15,000,000 dead are interred there.

Providing permitting, the opportunity for Mississippi Countians to pull out of the hole in 1923 seems good. That happy situation cannot be realized to the fullest extent, however, without generous co-operation upon the part of all interests. If agitators are permitted to array faction against faction, creed against creed, race against race, and class against class the goal will not be reached. Folks of many different political and religious beliefs and nationalities have gotten along nicely here for many years. Neither outlawry nor prejudice should be allowed to disturb these relations. There are laws to regulate society if it needs regulating and they are the only safe lines to follow.—F. D. Lair

Moving Towards The League**Mob and Law and Race Prejudice**

Former Associate Justice Clarke of the Supreme Court made a point in his speech at the first meeting in New York of the Nonpartisan Association for the League of Nations about which there can be no division of opinion, namely, that the question of our entering the League "never had a fair hearing in the United States". It was drawn into the melee of partisan politics and at a time when the public mind was incapacitated for sound, considerate functioning. The 7,000,000 majority was not a verdict against our entering the League. The result of the 1920 election would have been pretty much the same if the covenant had never been written.

Mr. Clarke also referred to an interesting change that was prospectively made in the covenant last September, when the Assembly directed the Council to prepare "a regional treaty of mutual guarantee". This provision, if and when adopted, will in effect repeal Article X by limiting to neighboring nations the obligation of furnishing armed assistance to a nation whose territorial integrity has been attacked or menaced. The familiar bogey of American boys dying in the distant trenches of other warring nations can no longer be evoked by our demagogues when this version of the Monroe Doctrine has been incorporated in the covenant.

Meanwhile, of course, the most convincing advocate for American participation in the effort to save Europe from destruction is found in the bitter logic of events. Nobody imagined in 1918 that 1923 would see France invading Germany, but that is the fact. It is a fact of ill omen, too. And in 1918 comparatively few Americans realized that the American farmer's prosperity depended on the European market. The American farmer understands that clearly enough now, but the knowledge has been gained at a serious cost.

It would be difficult, impossible, perhaps, to secure a verdict on this question apart from partisan politics. But the American farmer joins the American business man in demanding our entrance into the League as the only solution for this grave economic problem the politicians will not be laggard in making the same demand. We are moving towards the League, steadily and inevitably under the persuasion of self-preservation.—Post-Dispatch.

Ford Comes to the River

St. Paul is singularly in being selected by Henry Ford for the site of a \$10,000,000 manufacturing plant which is ultimately to employ between 14,000 and 15,000 men. But the Minnesota city is not to be the only gainer from the new industrial project. The fact that a Ford institution is to be located on the Mississippi is full of significance to all river cities.

Mr. Ford is a dauntless believer in the river. His vision goes beyond saving a little money on freight or any particular financial profit. He has a vision of the Father of Waters fully harnessed to generate all the power of which it is capable, fully developed against overflow, fully improved to provide a permanent channel for commerce and fully equipped to carry all the freight in the valley that needs a north-south lift.

Mr. Ford can be depended upon to act on that vision. From the incipiency of the St. Paul project he has planned putting on the upper river a barge line not only for his own use but for the service of the public. He will ship his products down the river by a barge and ship whatever coal he may need over the same water highway, presumably from his own mines in Kentucky. If he establishes the intended fertilizer plant at Muscle Shoals the logical outlet of its product will be down the Tennessee and up and down the Mississippi to the great agricultural areas of the valley.

The genius of the "flivver" has piled up wealth to the point where personal gain can no longer be the only motive. His interest now apparently lies in developing the resources of the nation in connection with his own interests. There is ample opportunity for his genius and resources in the development of the waterways.—Post-Dispatch.

Before he invented the steamboat, Robert Fulton experimented with a submarine at the bottom of Brest Harbor in France, using funds obtained by portrait paintings in Paris.

William Jennings Bryan calls on Christians everywhere to agitate against faction, creed against creed, race against race, and class against class the goal will not be reached. Folks of many different political and religious beliefs and nationalities have gotten along nicely here for many years. Neither outlawry nor prejudice should be allowed to disturb these relations. There are laws to regulate society if it needs regulating and they are the only safe lines to follow.—F. D. Lair

The Tariff

The country will be gratified to learn that the Cabinet looked upon the tariff and found it good. It was announced after the meeting that the Fordney-McCumber act was working in a manner wholly different from what its critics had predicted and that our import trade is actually increasing. Just where the Cabinet got this information about imports it would be difficult to say. Only a few days ago the Department of Commerce announced that the new classifications and rate schedules had made it impossible to tabulate import data within the usual time and that no information concerning imports since the old tariff expired would be available until early in 1923. Although statistics of exports are available for both October and November, no information concerning imports since September 21, when the new law became effective, has been made public. Even if such data for the autumn months were available, it would not furnish sufficient evidence for any general conclusion as to the actual working of the new tariff act.

It is devoutly to be wished that the cheerful statement given out from the White House will be substantiated by later developments, but in that event the Fordney-McCumber tariff must be a disappointment to its farmers. A protective tariff is a patent failure if it does not cut down imports; that is what protective tariffs are for. Meanwhile, the administration might borrow a leaf from the experience of the preceding Republi-

cian President, whose labored defense of an unpopular and repudiated tariff measure, which he pronounced the best ever enacted, only increased the insurgency within his own party.—New York Evening Post.

The badge of the chimney sweep in Bavaria is a high silk hat.

The eyes of snails and slugs are perched right on the ends of their feelers, so that they can look in every direction without moving.

Portageville starts the new year with great activity for its advancement and material progress. Interesting as it is, we are to have two bond issue elections which call for the people's voice and decision upon two absolute essentials—yea, necessities—a modern adequate school building and a city waterworks plant. We hope to see the citizenry carry both propositions and feel that they have well spent their money in nominal sums for the bonded indebtedness. By voting for the improvements three will no doubt accrue to them a bigger



return on their investment than they now think. We should have both the school building and the water service. We can afford it. Protect your children. Protect your town property.—Portageville Missourian.

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In St. Louis, February 6th, 7th and 8th, a great merchandising conference to study how to "Move More Merchandise" will be held. You are invited.

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Poland China Dispersion Sale

Tuesday, February 27, 1923

**At McCord Bros. Sales Barn
SIKESTON, MISSOURI**

The Elm Grove Herd of Poland China hogs will be sold at public auction for cash at above date and place.

STUBBS CLOTHING CO. CHANGES OWNERS

The Stubbs Clothing Co., of Sikeston, one of the best known mercantile establishments in Southeast Missouri, has been sold to Messrs. Lehman & Foster, who will take charge of the stock and good will after the 10th of February.

The gentlemen comprising the new firm come well recommended as gentlemen and business men and will step into one of the best advertised establishments in this section. Mr. Lehman is from Pocahontas, Ark., where he has been engaged in the mercantile business for several years. While Mr. Foster has lately been manager of one of Chasnow's stores in Warrensburg, Mo.

The late J. H. Stubbs, the founder of the Stubbs Clothing Co., was one of the best merchants and business men ever in this section and built up a mercantile establishment second to none. He believed in printer's ink and nothing back of every article sold. On his death the store was kept in the family and was for a while under the management of Harry Hope, then of S. M. Dailey, but for the past year or more H. Clay Stubbs has had the management of the business and he successfully carried it through the greatest business depression known in the history of this city. He has been ably assisted by Miss Amy Allen, Mr. Herman Henry and Mrs. H. C. Stubbs, who have done their part to make the Stubbs Clothing Co. popular.

Clay Stubbs will retire from this store with the good will of every competitor because he has always been square in his dealings and his customers will miss him greatly.

The Standard wishes every member of the retiring firm success in their future undertakings and will be at the service of the new firm in getting acquainted and putting their goods before the public.

Mrs. Joe Ferg Hunter and sister, Miss Leona Gallivan of New Madrid were shopping in Sikeston Wednesday.

O. O. Cowden, 985 Holland Avenue, Springfield, Mo., was in Sikeston Monday in the interests of a poultry appliance that automatically dips chickens to free them from vermin. If any of our poultry raisers are interested they can address above for particulars.

The latter part of the week a dog bit one of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer's children, a child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paul and another child at Moore Avenue and Center streets. It would be well if the proper authorities would kill the great number of stray dogs that are roaming the town.

Jack Shubert and Luke Hodges left Sikeston Wednesday morning for Los Angeles, Cal. They are making the trip in Mr. Hodges car. Shubert will be associated with F. O. Baldwin in plumbing and heating contracting, while Hodges will look over the field with a view of locating if building operations look good. Mrs. Shubert and children will follow later.

Things happened fast for Clifford Cooper at Caruthersville last week according to the Democrat Argus. Cooper was arrested for having whiskey, a mask, screw driver, and other mysterious odds and ends in his pockets. The next morning he was found guilty and sentenced to six months in jail and a \$500 fine. That night he "sealed" the drain pipe in the jail and escaped.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Stubbs had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lindley, Misses Vera Walpole, Pauline Graham and Mrs. Earl Pate. Miss Burnice Tanner came just in time for dinner.

Mrs. Wallace Applegate, Mrs. A. A. Mayfield, Mrs. Wm. Graham, Mrs. Leroy Moore, Miss Marjorie Smith and Miss Burnice Tanner contributed for the dinner for a hungry family last Sunday. Mrs. Frank Van Horne and Mrs. Joe Matthews were not at home when the call was made on them.

The hearts of most people go out to those who are really hungry. Sunday morning a call was sent out to a few families asking them to share their dinner with a family in the south part of town who were hungry and had no food. Those solicited responded and a car was sent out to make the collection. At one place half of the Sunday roast with plenty of potatoes was given; at another, chicken and dressing, and so on until a dinner fit for a king was gathered up. Some way or other one of the donors got to thinking about this needy family and concluded to investigate. At the home of one of those interested, this lady found a gay assembly of young folks and she concluded to take off her wraps and make herself at home. It was so close to dinner time that the hostess and guests told that they thought this would be a good joke to get a good dinner contributed in this manner.

Buckner-Ragsdale Co.'s SEMI-ANNUAL SHOE SALE

BEGINNING SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1923

The quality of merchandise featured in our shoe department is known in every home in Southeast Missouri. Every shoe offered in this sale is from our regular stock.

WATCH OUR WINDOWS

Buckner-Ragsdale Store Co.

LEADING MEN'S STORE OF SIKESTON

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their help and sympathy during the illness and death of our wife and mother.

Ed Wilson and children.

Sikeston Standard \$1.50 per year.

Have you seen the \$35 Cream Separator at Farmers Supply Co.? First separator made, satisfaction guaranteed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyon Schriff are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl at their house on Wednesday night of last week.

Mrs. Nall of Sikeston is here this week nursing the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Doss Stiles, who is ill. Mrs. Nall is related to Mrs. Doc Davis of this city.—Caruthersville Democrat.

Miss Susie Hay has purchased of H. S. Hamper a house on North New Madrid street near the Methodist Church, will remodel same and then move into it with her mother. The house on North Ranney will be for rent.

The Reverend G. A. Hoffman of Stoddard County, who was elected chaplain of the House of Representatives was one of the presidential electors who cast his vote for President Wilson in 1912, according to Representative Whitecotton who nominated Mr. Hoffman.

In another part of The Standard will be found the full report of the State Insurance Inspector on Sikeston. We were led to believe that with our new engine and with a paid fireman on the job 24 hours, with our pump house rebuilt and pump overhauled, we would be placed in Class 4 instead of Class 4½ and thereby have our insurance rates reduced. It will be seen from this report that we have no show at all of getting into Class 4. Mayor Felker took the matter up with the State Insurance Department and protested the report. Thursday morning the Insurance Department informed the Mayor that most of the insurance written for Sikeston was taken out when the rates were lower and Sikeston had not been revised by the State Department but a new revision of our rates would be undertaken at once that would increase the rates for the business district all along the line 5 per cent. This is all and is a plenty. Our up-to-date fire fighting equipment is to get us a raise of insurance when we believed we would get a lower rate. It is hard to keep even with some of our State Bureau and Commissions let alone beat them. It may only be coincident, but it certainly looks like the Public Service Commission and State Insurance Commission most generally favor the corporations.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and children spent Sunday in Canalou.

Mrs. John Rice of Chaffee spent the week here visiting relatives.

Malcolm Ratcliffe has made himself a present of a new Ford coupe.

A fine lot of honey from Morehouse was peddled out on our streets Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam Morrill of Sikeston was the guest of Mrs. Maggie Hunott, Friday.

Elmer Burch shipped a fine car load of cattle and hogs to St. Louis Wednesday.

Goebel Owen went to New Madrid Wednesday as a witness in the Geo. Butler case.

Mrs. Nannie Mainord and Mrs. G. Steele were the guests of Mrs. O. K. Mainord, Thursday.

There is a lot of flu or La Grippe around town, but nothing serious as it is all in a light form.

Mrs. Dave Morgan, Mrs. G. D. Steele and Mrs. Albert Deane were Sikeston visitors Monday.

Mrs. James Brown of the Crow District spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith.

John Graham has moved his family from his farm to Matthews into Mrs. Elizabeth Gurley's residence.

Silas Hultz has moved his barbershop from the Roberts building over across the railroad into the pool room.

The Royal Neighbors held a meeting in their lodge rooms Wednesday

evening to take in some new members.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carroll attended the picture show at Sikeston Tuesday night.

Mrs. G. D. Steele and Mrs. Albert Deane were the guests of Mrs. Dickerman in the Crow neighborhood Wednesday.

The ladies of Matthews are contemplating organizing a society for the benefit of the church and creating a better social standing among the people. We hope they will meet with success for we certainly do something to awaken interest in the church and social affairs.

Miss Vera Walpole is ill at her home with the flu.

In the New Madrid Circuit Court Wednesday the State vs. George Butler and G. F. Alley charged with criminal assault on a girl at Canalou, after an all day trial, were found guilty by a jury and given two years in the penitentiary.

A double game of basketball was played last Thursday night between the Cairo boys and the Bridges girls, Sikeston being victorious both times for the boys 38 to 7 and the girls 25 to 12. Both were excellent practice games as the games that were to be played Friday were expected to be fought to the finish. Excellent team work was shown in both the Sikeston boys' and girls' team, as no one starred in either half. Cairo made a tour of Cape Girardeau Wednesday night, Sikeston Thursday night and Poplar Bluff Friday night, losing in all three games.

It was moved and seconded that the chairman appoint a Location Committee and the following names were placed on this committee: M. Q. Tanner, J. L. Matthews, and H. L. Smith, Chairman of this Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the initiation fee be placed at \$100 and the yearly dues be \$50 and that \$25 must be deposited with the application for membership.

SIKESTON COUNTRY CLUB ORGANIZED

A meeting called by L. M. Stalleup for the purpose of talking over the proposition of organizing a Country Club for Sikeston, about thirty men responded and Mr. Stalleup was elected temporary chairman and G. M. Greer was made temporary Secretary.

Several of the parties present expressed their view on the way the Club should be organized and conducted. The first business before the meeting was a motion made by Dr. J. H. Young that the chairman appoint a nominating committee, the chairman being included as one member of this committee. H. L. Smith and E. C. Matthews were named by the chairman and this committee retained to select the names of a temporary Board of Governors and reported the following names to the meeting: P. M. Gervig, A. Ray Smith, J. S. Kevil, M. Q. Tanner, C. F. McMullin, E. C. Matthews, L. M. Stalleup. H. L. Smith moved that these names be accepted by the meeting and they were duly elected so.

A double game of basketball was played last Thursday night between the Cairo boys and the Bridges girls, Sikeston being victorious both times for the boys 38 to 7 and the girls 25 to 12. Both were excellent practice games as the games that were to be played Friday were expected to be fought to the finish. Excellent team work was shown in both the Sikeston boys' and girls' team, as no one starred in either half. Cairo made a tour of Cape Girardeau Wednesday night, Sikeston Thursday night and Poplar Bluff Friday night, losing in all three games.

It was moved and seconded that the chairman appoint a Location Committee and the following names were placed on this committee: M. Q. Tanner, J. L. Matthews, and H. L. Smith, Chairman of this Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the initiation fee be placed at \$100 and the yearly dues be \$50 and that \$25 must be deposited with the application for membership.

It was also moved and seconded that the Chairman appoint a Membership Committee and the following names were placed on this Committee: Harry Young, E. A. Matthews and T. A. Wilson, as chairman of this Committee. Mr. Wilson made it known that it was impossible for him to serve on this Committee and was excused by the Chairman and Mr. Matthews and Mr. Young were instructed to name the other member and elect their chairman.

The members of the Location Committee and the Membership Committee were instructed to make a report as soon as possible to Mr. Stalleup, chairman of the Board of Governors.

There was no further business before the meeting and it adjourned to meet again at the call of the Chairman.

Between 5,000,000 and 7,000,000 people visit the forests each year, according to the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. The national forests are natural centers of summer recreation, particularly for the masses of people whose vacation must be inexpensive.

Honoring his mother, Mrs. A. E. Mason, who is in her 86th year, C. F. Mason with Mrs. Mason gathered her sons and daughters and grandchildren about the Christmas table in their home at 721 North Answorth avenue.

Mrs. Mason has four daughters and three sons, all married, with 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, who, with husbands and wives, brought about the Christmas table 42 people who were akin—a rare event in the West.

The recent arrival of Mrs. Lou Greer completed the circle, which for the last 15 years has been centering slowly in Tacoma. Each of its members contributed in some way to the entertainment following the dinner, those present being:

George Mason, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Mason, Mrs. Lou Greer, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rohrscheib, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. William Hampe, Mr. and Mrs. A. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Rohrscheib, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Rohrscheib, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mason, Mrs. L. McDonald, Elsie Mason, Charley Mason, Alfred Greer, Howard Mason, Lucille Mason, Lucille McDonlad, Rex McDonald, Anna Lee Griffin, Maxine Rohrscheib, Virginia Rohrscheib, Charles McDonald, Lester McDonald, Virginia McDonald, Larry Rohrscheib, Shirley Rohrscheib, Mr. and Mrs. James Mason, Jr.; others being Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Albice and their daughter, Margaret.— Tacoma, Washington Exchange.

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CHIROPRACTIC--NATURE--TIME--HEALTH

If you are hampered in your work or happiness by lack of health, get the chiropractic idea—all else follows, because chiropractic is based upon a fundamental idea that is absolutely correct. The recent "flu" epidemic statistics shows that the average cases under chiropractic vertebral adjustments responded from 5 to 6 days.

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TWO SMALL FIRES CALL OUT COMPANY

Saturday just before noon the fire company was called out by an alarm from the residence of J. B. Rothrock on South Kingshighway. Fire was noticed by neighbors in the roof near the chimney who notified the family. It was but a few minutes until the engine was on the grounds and another minute or two before the fire was put out. A defective flue was the probable cause. The house is owned by Mrs. Henson.

At 3:30 Sunday morning the fire siren screamed out the alarm for another fire. This time it was from Frisco and the John Andres butcher shop was the place. The fire department was soon on the ground but the fragile building was soon a mass of ruins. The fire broke out in the small room at the rear. There was supposed to be no fire in the building and no reason for the fire unless it was of incendiary origin. The big ice box was badly charred on the outside and will have to be rebuilt, while the inside was not hurt. No insurance was carried by Mr. Andres and the loss is keenly felt. Rebuilding will begin at once and Mr. Andres will continue the butcher shop at the same stand.

B. F. Morrison of Oran is in charge of the Kroger store in Sikeston in place of Albert Shields who resigned.

Major Malone, Lieutenants Arterburn, Smith and Dye attended the Governor's ball at the Executive Mansion in Jefferson City.

Representative Fred L. Ogilvie of Scott County, has been assigned to the following committees by Speaker Hunter: Chairman of Public Health and Scientific Institutions, Banks and Banking.

Sunday night burglars entered the National Guard Armory through the second story back window and stole 20 wool shirts and 5 Smith & Wesson 45 calibre army revolvers. It is believed to be the work by local talent and it is hoped they will soon be caught.

Louise Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Woods of North Ranney street, was bitten last Thursday on the arm and leg by a fox terrier belonging to Bill Bowman. Mr. Woods secured a shot gun and killed the dog. He had the head sent to St. Louis for examination.

The farmers of the Sikeston district are plowing for spring planting and all are in a cheerful and hopeful mood. If we can have another good cotton and sunflower crop they will put our farmers where they can see daylight again. Wheat and corn and corn and wheat year after year has proven to be a losing game and for that reason the corn and wheat acreage is to be divided between cotton and sunflowers. This will give a variety that should give good returns.

Fifteen or twenty fellows crawled through a broken window in the A. J. Matthews mule barn on Front street about a week ago to hold some sort of secret session. Chief of Police Randol heard of it and went down to join the meeting. While he was trying to get through the window those on the inside sought the air and rushed out the front door that they opened from the inside. Uncle Joe feels certain they were in there to talk to the bones but he has no evidence to that effect. He knows who was there, though, and doesn't believe the meeting was called to discuss the political situation.

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NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Farm Bureau Holds Annual Meeting

New Madrid County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting on Friday of last week. The attendance was light due to favorable weather for early farm work.

The officers elected for next year are: J. K. Robins, President; Geo. M. Meier, Vice-President and A. J. Renner, Secretary.

The main feature of the meeting was an address by C. C. Henry, the President of the Arkansas Cotton Growers' Ass'n. Mr. Henry gave a clear and concise explanation of the method of marketing cotton as carried out by other associations.

Those present were very favorably impressed with the results and in favor of the organization of the cotton growers' ass'n. for this district.

The report of the County Agent showed that:

Four live stock shipping associations had been organized in the past and had done approximately \$100,000 worth of business in the past year.

800,000 cc serum of hog cholera had been distributed and 7 vaccinating schools held which was attended by approximately 60 farmers.

The Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., has increased over \$200,000 in the past year.

The Farm Loan Ass'n. has loaned \$140,000.

An educational exhibit at the Sikeston District Fair won approximately \$200 in prizes.

22 wheat fields were inspected for purity making pure seed wheat available.

One flock reached the standard for certification. 18 culling demonstrations were held and flocks were culled 20%.

14 state and federal specialists were erected in the county working a total of 48 days.

2 cars of picric acid has been distributed.

2 pig clubs have been organized at New Madrid and Parma.

2 acid phosphate demonstrations was held showing a yield of 10 bushels per acre in corn.

One field of seed sweet potatoes were certified making available 200 bushels of seed.

2 home economics schools have been held teaching the practices of making hats and dress forms.

The report of the Business Agent that a business of approximately \$12,000 had been done for the Farm Bureau office for the past year. The delegates selected to attend

the M. F. B. F. were J. K. Robbins, G. M. Meier, and A. J. Renner.

Organization Committee of Cotton Growers' Meeting

The organization committee from eight Southeast Missouri counties met at Sikeston on January 11, 1923 for the purpose of considering admissibility of a cotton marketing association for Southeast Missouri. The delegation from New Madrid County were: X. Caverne, G. M. Meier and M. F. Elmers.

All Southeast Missouri counties were represented and in addition two representatives from Pulaski County, Ill., were present.

C. C. Moser, Secretary of the American Cotton Growers' Ass'n., explained the co-operative marketing movement in cotton as well as other commodity organizations. C. G. Henry, President of the Arkansas Cotton Growers' Ass'n., was also present and explained the working of the Arkansas Cotton Growers' Ass'n.

All the Southeast Missouri expressed themselves favorable for the organization for such an association. The representatives from Pulaski Co., Ill., stated that several counties in Illinois were interested in the raising of cotton and all probability would desire to affiliate with Southeast Missouri in the cotton marketing movement.

The meeting voted that a permanent organization committee should be elected by the delegates of each county. The following committeemen were elected:

New Madrid—X. Caverne, Canalou;

Mississippi County—Hugh McPhee;

Charleston; Scott County—W. H. Tanner, Sikeston; Pemiscot County—

C. C. Raine, Hayti; Butler County—J. C. Corrigan, Poplar Bluff; Cape Girardeau County—Julian N. Friant, Cape Girardeau; Dunklin County—A. R. Zimmerman, Clarkton.

Fred Naeter of Cape Girardeau and

Dwight H. Brown of Poplar Bluff

were appointed as representatives of the press interests.

S. B. Hunter of Cape Girardeau

was appointed as representatives of the banking interests.

The organization committee had a short session after the general meeting and will meet on Thursday, January 18.

Certified Seed Sweet Potatoes Available

300 bushels of certified seed sweet

potatoes will be available for farmers of this section this year. J. W.

Collins of Lilbourn, has produced

these potatoes which are of the Porto

Rico variety.

E. M. Page of the Agricultural Extension Service, came to inspect the

potatoes. The certified seed project is a part of the program of work of the Farm Bureau.

Seed sweet potatoes to be certified must be true to name free from disease.

Farm Loan Ass'n. Pays Dividend

New Madrid County National Farm Loan Ass'n. held its annual meeting of stockholders on Tuesday, January 9. The board of directors voted to pay 50% of the dividends that have been received from the Federal Land Bank, that have been credited to each man's account.

The officers and directors elected were: W. S. Edwards, President; C. R. Post, Vice-President; J. M. Miles, Secretary-Treasurer; S. R. Shy, E. V. Jewett and G. M. Meier.

The following is report of financial statement of the Association as of January 1st:

Resources

Cash in Commercial Trust

Compnay \$ 837.87

Accounts receivable 451.98

Bills Receivable 1325.00

Federal Land Bank 18475.00

Reserve Account:

Federal Land Bank Bonds. 206.58

Time Deposit 25.00

Total Resources \$21321.43

Liabilities & Capital Stock

Undivided Earnings \$ 844.52

Dividends from Federal Land

Bank on Stock 1991.91

Reserve Account Earnings. 10.00

Capital Stock (Held by members) 18475.00

Total Liabilities and capital stock \$21321.43

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

W. A. Hunter and wife of New Madrid County to E. M. Wiman of Yale County, Ill.: Lot 24 and all of lot 17 in L. A. Lewis 2nd sub-division to the city of Lilbourn. \$1000.

Maggie Hardin and husband of Clarkton to W. H. Pavay of Hartzell: Lot 2 in block 6 in the town of Hartzell. \$40.

S. G. Camp and wife of Lilbourn to Fred Topel and wife of New Madrid County: Lot 66 range E in the city of Lilbourn. \$100.00.

Noah Atchley, et al to L. D. Waters, all of New Madrid County: A parcel of ground adjoining lot 4, blk. 1st addition to the town of Matthews. For a more particular description see page 216, ook 79. \$800.

Jennie Anderson and husband to Harry Black of New Madrid County: Lots 15 and 16, blk. 29 of the city of Morehouse. \$1600.

Louis M. Koch and James A. McFeely of St. Louis to Theodore A. Gross and wife of St. Louis. The west $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 26, twp. 21, range 11 lying south of the pole road, containing 70.40 acres and that portion of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 27, range 11, lying east of the center line ditch 1 of the L. R. D. D., containing 60.35 acres, \$100 and other valuable consideration.

Louis M. Koch and wife to Theodore A. Cross and wife of St. Louis: East $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 26, twp. 22 range 11 containing 80 acres. \$100 and other valuable considerations.

B. F. Swartz of Matthews to Eli and Van Vaughn of New Madrid County: Lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 10 in B. F. Swartz add. to the village of Catron. \$130.

Marriage Licenses

Ollie Brown Williams and Lulu May Ledford, both of Marston.

E. L. Beardsey and Della Murphy, both of Marston.

Elvis Long and Lena Love, both of Hartzell.

Louis Ferrell and Beulah Jenkins, both of Caruthersville.

Murray Klein has purchased the Dr. Stewart property on South Kingshighway and will occupy same this spring.

Mrs. R. A. Moll and children of Grand Chain, Ill. arrived Friday of last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sheppard on Dorothy street.

There are many bargains yet to be found at Farmers Supply Co., while the stock is low the assortment is fairly complete. This would be a splendid opportunity for someone to engage in the furniture business, as this is for sale and it would only take a small capital to handle it.

Chas. L. Blanton, Jr., of the Sikeston Standard, came down yesterday afternoon and remained over night in this city, looking after matters of private business as well as conferring with Secretary Litzelfelder upon affairs having to do with the Fair Associations, Mr. Blanton being secretary of his local fair organization. He also attended the dance at the Armory hall last night and we acknowledge a brief fraternal call from him upon his arrival yesterday afternoon.—Caruthersville Democrat.

THE BOLL WEEVIL AND THE CORN BELT

CHARLESTON PULLMAN SERVICE IS DENIED

The Missouri Pacific Railroad does not feel justified at this time in restoration of the Charleston-St. Louis Pullman service, as requested in a resolution passed by the Business Mens' League at its meeting last week. A letter to the effect was received Monday by the Enterprise-Courier from C. L. Stone, passenger traffic manager, who asserts that the former service, abandoned about the first of last year, when a number of main line trains were taken off, was non-remunerative.—Enterprise-Courier, Charles-

First Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday School. Classes for all ages and grades. J. C. Horne, superintendent.

11:00—Morning Worship. Singing led by choir. Sermon by pastor.

6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Meets for Bible Study and social worship.

Young peoples ideal place in training

for service. Come it will help you.

7:30—Evening worship. Spiritual songs. Sermon by the pastor. For-

sake not the assembling of yourselves together as the habit of some is. He

who neglects the worship of God is

on the downward road to decay of the best and most vital things. It

pays to follow Jesus.

WANTED TO BUY—House in Sikeston.

Describe fully together with best price and terms. P. O. Box 537, Sikeston, Mo.

NOTICE TO WOMEN

BANKRUPT SALE AT PEARSON'S CAIRO, ILLINOIS

Smart Shop of Women's ready-to-wear Garments Start Saturday Morning, January 20, 9 a. m. sharp, and will continue from day to day until the entire stock is sold out.

BY ORDER OF THE U. S. COURT IN BANKRUPTCY, PEARSON'S ENTIRE READY TO WEAR STOCK and millinery was ordered to be sold for the benefit of the creditors. This Pearson Bankrupt Stock consists of the finest COATS, SUITS, DRESSES, WRAPS, KYERS ITALIAN SILK HOSIERY AND UNDERGARMENTS, VAN-RAALTE SILK HOSIERY, FINE BLOUSES, CELEBRITY AND LORENE, NEW YORK'S FINEST MILLINERY, in fact the finest ready to wear stock carried by any concern in this section of Illinois. This entire stock will be placed on sale commencing SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 20, at 9 a. m. sharp, at retail and will continue from day to day until the entire stock is closed out. It will pay you to come a 100 miles to visit this BANKRUPT SALE.

Prices quoted for this sale that will set the smart dressers wild with excitement and will be remembered for years to come. By all means don't miss this opportunity. Women's \$25.00 Coats, Suits and Dresses in this BANKRUPT SALE \$12.45. Women's and Misses \$40.00 Coats, Suits and Dresses \$19.85. Women's and Misses \$50.00 Coats, Suits and Dresses \$24.85. Women's and Misses \$75.00 Coats, Suits and Dresses on sale \$34.75, etc. Women's \$5.00 Blouses \$2.45. Women's and Misses \$8.00 Blouses \$3.95. Women's \$10.00 Blouses, sale, \$4.85. Women's and Misses \$15.00 Blouses \$7.45, etc. One lot Women's \$1.75 Black Silk Hose only 79c.. All Kyser and Van-Raalte Italian and pure silk Hosiery 1-3 of former selling prices. All Silk Undergarments, including Kyser's famous Italian Silk Undergarments 1-3 of former selling prices. All La Camille famous Corsets and Brassiers 1-3 of former selling prices. All our Fur Pieces, Chokers, Throws, Scarfs on sale 1-3 of former prices. All MILLINERY ON SALE at 1-3 of former prices as follows: All Pearson's \$15.00 Hats, Bankrupt Sale Price \$4.95. All \$10.00 Hats, Bankrupt Sale Price \$3.35. All \$7.50 Hats, Bankrupt Sale \$2.45. One Special Large Lot of Hats, values up to \$10.00 Special the Opening Day on Sale \$1.00.

Remember all Coats, Suits, Dresses, Waists, Silk and Wool Sweaters on Sale at exactly 1-2 price, some are less. All of Pearson's Original Price Tickets Remain on the Garments, so you can see the reductions on all goods marked in Plain Figures. Don't miss this Bankrupt Sale. Come Saturday if you can. Come early every day.

Phone your friends. Tell your neighbors. Come Saturday.

Pearson's Bankrupt

sale in charge of The Oberman Sales Co., Halliday Building, on Eighth St. Look for the Yellow Signs Reading Bankrupt Sale.

BASKETBALL!

DOUBLE HEADER--S. H. S. vs.

Poplar Bluff Girls--New Madrid Boys

7:30 FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th

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MONDAY, JANUARY 22

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COMPLETE PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION AND TOWN REPORT NO. 36 ON SIKESTON

Town in General

Government—A mayor and eight aldermen elected for two years. Population—3,613 (1920 census) 3,327 (1910); 1,077 (1900). **Area**—About 1 1/4 sq. mi. about one-half built upon. **Topography**—Flat. **Streets**—Mercantile district and part of residential section, paved; others, gravel or dirt; railroad grade crossings to south residential section and minor mercantile center. **Climatic Conditions**—Prevailing winds from the south; conditions generally not severe. Supporting Industries—Agricultural community; large flour mill and grain elevator. **Mercantile District**—The principal district comprises about twelve acres in the center of town. Brick construction prevails; average height, two-story. Heating by stoves and steam; brick flues; electric lighting, general. The conflagration hazard is moderate. A minor center in west end of town. Dwellings—Generally frame; shingle roofs; clearances between are fair. Fire Records—The number of fires and losses since January 1st are very high.

General Features of Fire Fighting Facilities

Waterworks—Municipal water system; power from privately owned utility.

System—Combined gravity and pumping. **Source**—Two wells; apparently adequate; no shortage reported, but some trouble from sand. **Pump House**—Intermediate location; fireproof; moderate exposure; public protection; constant attendance at site; fire alarms received by phone. **Power House**—Remote location; brick non fire-proof; moderate exposure; public and private protection; constant attendance. **Pumps**—Total capacity 1,650,000 gal. per day in two electric units. **Power**—From remote sources (at Cape Girardeau) four steam boilers and two electric generators adequate for pumping load; two reserve electric units and three boilers at Charleston. **Storage**—One 60,000-gal. tank at inadequate elevation for fire pressure direct from hydrants is kept in service for fires. **Underground System**—Fair gridiron of 8", 6" and 4" pipe in mercantile district; short to long loops and dead ends of 6" and 4" pipe elsewhere; 59"—4" pipe; 12 1/2"—dead end 4" pipe. Total about 9 1/2 mi. of cast iron pipe; 8"-2-600'; 6-17,000'; 4"-28,400'. **Gate Valves**—Total, 69; effective spacing is generally wide; no regular inspection. **Fire Hydrants**—Total 68; double 2 1/2" outlets threaded standard; operation uniform; no regular inspection; condition, generally good, distribution, fair to good. **Pressure and Fire Flows**—Normal pressures of 50 to 53 lb. in all sections are used for fires. The greatest number of standard fire streams available at 60 lb. in the mercantile district, none; but at pressure adequate to supply fire engine, about two for 10-hr period, 2 1/2 for 5-hr. period or 3 1/2 for 2-hr. period. The standard of fire flow for the mercantile district is about 8 standard fire streams each of 250-gal. per min. at 60 lb. pressure in the mains. **Records and Maps**—Map of mains, valves and hydrants. **Elevations**—The mercantile district is about 20' above pumps and about 100' below base of elevated tank. **FIRE DEPARTMENT**—Organization—A "call" chief, one full-paid man, and 11 call men paid for services; no rules, drills nor building inspections. **Fire Station**—Exposed non-fireproof brick; centrally located. **Apparatus and Equipment**—One 400-gal. automobiles pump, chemical and hose truck; one hand-drawn reel in reserve belonging to water department; minor equipment, fair. **Hose**—Total, 2,300' of 2 1/2"; couplings threaded standard; hose dried in outside tower; condit. appears fair to good. **Fire Methods**—A light automobile pumper; fair sized shut-off nozzles used; chemical equipment, fair; no long ladders; hose supply, good; only one full-paid man; no waterproof covers. **Records**—Complete records on fires are kept. **Outside Aid**—Remote. **Fire Alarm**—Constant commercial telephone service; alarms transmitted to call men from common terminal; general alarm by electric siren operated direct from telephone exchange. **Police**—One on duty at day and one at night.

Fire Prevention Provisions

FIRE LIMITS—They comprise the principal and minor mercantile districts wherein frame construction and combustible roofs are prohibited; small wooden sheds permitted; fairly effective in principal mercantile district. Meager regulations on stove pipes and flues; no enforcement.

ELECTRICAL LAWS—None; conditions of interior wiring is generally poor.

EXPLOSIVES AND INFLAMMABLES—Dynamite permitted in magazines; fireworks prohibited; waste in mercantile district must be burned or stored in metal containers; ordinances meager.

General Recommendations

1. Pumps—Overhaul triplex pump

so that it will deliver its full rated capacity.

2. Pump House—(a) Install all electrical wiring to conform to the National Electrical Code. (b) Provide chemical extinguishers suitable for electrical fires.

3. Power—(a) The electric transmission line from Poplar Bluff should be extended to Sikeston. (b) If municipal power plant is installed at Sikeston, sufficient power units should be installed to carry the maximum pumping and electric load.

4. Underground System—(c) All future extensions to system supplying fire hydrants should be not smaller than 6" pipe. (d) Eliminate dead-end mains where practicable. (e) Install the following mains or their effective equivalent:

(d) size 6" along Scott from Malone to Gladys. (e) 6" along Malone from School to Delmar. (f) 6" along Kingshighway from Woodlawn to Wakefield. (g) 6" Gladys from Delmar to Frisco.

(h) Inspect all gate valves at least annually to insure good operation and wide open position.

5. Fire Hydrants—Test all fire hydrants at least semi-annually and inspect them before and during freezing weather.

6. Records—Install a recording pressure gage on the system and keep a record of water pumped.

7. Fire Department—The fire department force should be organized with rules and regular drills in the best fire methods.

8. Apparatus—(a) Maintain in reserve for exclusive fire department use a cart loaded with 500' of 2 1/2" fire hose arranged for towing, or drawn by hand (design of cart furnished on application). (b) Provide waterproof covers on fire truck air relief valves for connecting fire hose lines direct to hydrants.

9. Hose—Maintain at all times not less than 1500' to 2000' of good 2 1/2" fire hose, wetted inside occasionally, always dried in an inside tower, and tested annually to 200 lb. static pressure. New hose purchased should preferably bear the "label" of the Underwriters Laboratories.

10. Ordinances—With fire limits of adequate extent adopt modern regulations controlling buildings, flues, heating equipment, electric wiring, explosives, highly flammable liquids and materials, rubbish and ashes; all under effective fire department inspection and supervision. (Suitable modern ordinances will be furnished on application).

Conclusion

The public fire protection is ample for the present allowed 4 1/2 classification. To attain 4th classification item No. 1 of the "General Recommendations" is submitted.

The pumps, water storage, pressure and fire flow are fair for the class. The source of water supply, pump house, power, mains, hydrants, fire department force, fire station, apparatus, equipment, and fire alarm are good for the class.

The ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians and Persians began their new year at the autumnal solstice (September 21) and the Greeks until the fifth century, B. C., began the year at the winter solstice (December 21). In 432, B. C., the Greeks changed the festival to June 21, the beginning of summer.

Albert Cox, who is employed by Louie Shields at La Forge, while working Thursday morning, put his knife with the blade open in his coat pocket. While pulling on a rope, which he wanted to cut, his hand slipped and he fell back on the ground, his right arm just above the elbow striking the knife inflicting a deep cut, which nearly passed entirely thru his arm. The arm was corded to stop the profuse flow of blood and Mr. Cox came to this city to have his arm dressed by Dr. Fiske.—New Madrid Record.

It is seldom that justice operates with such rapidity in the matter of crime as in the case of Harry James, a negro, who shot at Riley Malone, a crippled white man in this city, Sunday night. Monday James was arraigned before Justice Henderson and waiving preliminary his case was booked for the circuit court and as that tribunal was then in session the accused went into circuit court, plead guilty to the charge of assault with intent to kill and was sentenced by Judge Ing to seven years in the penitentiary—and what is further remarkable in the matter of expedition, James started on his way to the penitentiary Tuesday at 11 a. m., Hon. L. E. Tedrick taking him on No 32, Mr. Tedrick himself going to Jefferson City to attend the forthcoming session of the Legislature, which met Wednesday.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

RETAIL MERCHANTS INVITED TO ST. LOUIS

DEMOCRATS REDUCING LEGISLATIVE CLERKS

SEN. WHITECOTTON LOADED FOR BEAR

Plans are being perfected by the Advertising Club and merchants in St. Louis concerning the "merchandising institute" which promises to make St. Louis the mecca of retailers, wholesalers and advertising men on February 6, 7, 8. The institute will be a part of the Seventh District Conference of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

The seventh district includes nearly all the trade territory of St. Louis and Kansas City, and store owners in this part of the country are being invited and urged to attend and bring one or two of their clerks along, if possible.

The theme of the conference will be "move more merchandise", and because of the interest all retailers have in this subject a large attendance is forecast. The dates coincide with the spring buying season, and merchants from all over the southwest are arranging their buying trip to include these dates, and are sending in reservations.

Features of the program definitely scheduled include the appearance of thirty nationally known authorities on retailing, merchandising and advertising.

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Photographs of different types of window trims, illustrating applications of principles in decorating grocery, hardware and dry-goods windows will be shown, and complete store fronts will be on display, showing the right and wrong methods of using this valuable space. Methods of tying up store display and newspaper advertising so both will get results will be explained.

The program of speakers includes such men as Samuel A. McElveen, Governor of Nebraska, Lou Holland, President of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, Joseph Meadon, President of the Direct Mail Advertising Association, Fred P. Mann of Devil's Lake, North Dakota, one of the most successful retailers in the United States, and George W. Hopkins, Vice-President of the Columbia Phonograph Company, New York City.

The opening of the Legislature was enlivened by discovery of an effort to fraudulently collect \$7,822 by unknown persons on a bill against the state which had been paid and the fact that W. H. Crouch, secretary of the State Mining Bureau, had cashed the salary warrant of the stenographer in his office and retained a portion of the salary each month. Democrats plan to change the form of state warrants in order that this evil may be thwarted. Crouch has since resigned. Crouch is said to have come here as a personal appointee of the Governor. Crouch formerly resided at Bethany.

Headquarters for the conference have been established at Hotel Statler, and an information booth is functioning there under the direction of Chas. W. Collier, Executive Secretary of the Advertising Club of St. Louis. A campaign of publicity has been started to make it plain that this conference will not be limited to advertising men or members of advertising clubs, as all men and women who are interested in "moving more merchandise" are invited.

Negotiations are now under way with all railroads serving the trade territory, and reduced rates are promised delegates in the seventh district, which includes Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. These rates amount to fare and one-half for a round trip. Hotel Statler will be headquarters, and reservations should be sent to the Advertising Club of St. Louis, at that address.

General supervision of arrangements is in the hands of Bert Bennett of the Friedman-Shelby S' Company, Chairman of the conference.

Of the 200,000 negro soldiers sent overseas during the World War, battle deaths amounted to 474, while the total deaths were 9,765.

666

Cures Malaria, Chills and Fever, Dengue or Bilious Fever. It kills the germs.

HOW'S THIS?

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh.

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which quickly Relieves the catarrhal inflammation, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which removes the Disease from the Mucous Surfaces, thus assisting to restore normal conditions.

Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic
Makes the Body Strong.
Makes the Blood Rich. etc.

Reduction of the number of clerks in the House of Representatives from more than 250 to a total of 123, including all officers and employees, was the first stroke of economy which was made by Democratic Legislators who are in control of that body. A like reduction in the number employed in the Senate has been forecast by President Pro Tem W. R. Painter and Senator Frank H. Farris, Democratic leader. Democratic leaders in both branches express a determination that the affairs of state be returned to an economical status which marked the party's rule for more than forty years.

Hon. James H. Whitecotton, state senator from the Monroe county district, had a bunch of bills of unusual interest to office holders and taxpayers when he left Paris this week to begin his legislative duties at Jefferson City.

One of the measures proposes to wipe out the Hotel Inspection department which was created under a bill introduced by Frank W. McAllister, a former senator from this district.

Another measure proposes radical reductions in the salaries of county school superintendents and prosecuting attorneys.

Another measure proposes to abolish the tax commission at Jefferson City.

A bill of more vital importance to the senator's constituents, especially those who own real estate, is one which proposes to relieve Missouri citizens from burdens incident to paying taxes on money they owe on their places. The bill is modeled after the Indiana law and there is no doubt of its constitutionality.

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Senator Farris, Democratic floor-leader, says the practice of employing officers from outside of the state by the Hyde administration will be the subject of some investigation.

Representative D. L. Bales, Democratic House leader, says some of the first measures to be presented this week will be for the repeal of the State Tax Commission, reduction of the state tax rate, equalization of salaries paid clerks in the various state departments, repeal of the State Beverage Inspection Department, and the issuance of \$4,500,000 bonds to complete paying bonus to Missouri's former service men.

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Mules For Sale

We have received a car load of good mules purchased at Fredericktown that we will trade or sell to those in need of them. Sound and guaranteed. See them at the barn.

McCord Bros.

Sikeston, Mo.

J. GOLDSTEIN,

Purchaser of Scrap Iron Old Metal of All Kinds Rags, Feathers and Rubber

Located in J. A. Matthews' Wagon Yard

Cash paid for everything

J. B. ALBRITTON



UNDERTAKER AND EMBALMER

Sikeston, Mo.

Located at Greenhouse

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT AUTOMOBILE SERVICE

Flowers for All Occasions

ST. LOUIS LIKELY TO GET DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Washington, January 6.—Although Democrats high in the councils of the party insist no thought has been given to where the 1924 national convention will be held it is known that a strong effort will be made to hold it in a middle west city. The two prominently mentioned are Kansas City and St. Louis and as both doubtless will make strong overtures, it is not unlikely that one of these will be chosen.

It is almost certain, however, that Chicago will bid and pressure will be exerted to have the convention in the east. Also it is probable Cleveland will enter the lists.

However it appears that either St. Louis or Kansas City would have the first call. Democrats probably will make a play for middle west votes, but it is unlikely that they would go as far west as Denver, and certainly not to any coast city.



Ah, How Juicy, Tender!

THAT'S the expression that usually accompanies the first forkful of meat purchased from our shop. Not only is it palatable, but contains all of the nourishment that nature put into it. Our meats are purchased daily, giving you an assurance of its high quality. The economical housewife makes ours her Meat headquarters.

Sellards Meat Market

PHONE 48

FOR EXCHANGE

Splendid 160 acres located in Scott County, Missouri. Improved with a 5-room frame house, good barn, tenant house; well fenced and cross-fenced. All in cultivation except 30 acres timbered pasture. Fine black cypress land. Will exchange this for a larger tract of unimproved land or a larger tract of improved land.

A splendid 313 acre tract in Sullivan County, Missouri; well improved and in a high state of cultivation to exchange for land in Southeast Missouri.

267 1/2 acres in Sullivan County, Missouri. Nicely improved and one of the best stock and grain farms in that section. Want land in Southeast Missouri.

\$150,000 worth of good second deeds of trust on fine Missouri farms. Will trade all or part for improved or unimproved land in Southeast Missouri.

A fine tract of 211 acres in Mercer County, Missouri with a new 7-room bungalow and good outbuildings.

COTTON MEN OF S. E. MISSOURI FAVOR MARKET ORGANIZATION

First steps in organizing a Southeast Missouri Cotton Marketing Association were taken at a meeting in Sikeston Thursday of last week, there being representatives from eight Southeast Missouri counties and one from one Illinois county present.

The idea of organizing such an association was unanimously approved by the delegates from all counties represented.

The conference was held in the auditorium of the City Hall, with a large number of business men and farmers taking part. The regular delegates appointed from the various counties of Southeast Missouri were: New Madrid, George Meier, M. F. Ehlers and W. H. Sikes; Dunklin, P. R. Richardson and C. E. James; Stoddard, C. O. Walker and James Hux; Cape Girardeau, S. B. Hunter, Julien N. Friant and John H. Gehrs; Pemiscot, Gideon Crews, S. P. Reynolds and C. O. Rainey; Butler, Irby Brite and E. D. Walker; Mississippi, C. A. Sackery, A. S. Hult, Thad Snow and Wm. Holloway; Scott, Theo. Hopper, Floy Collins, Louis Watkins, Frank Emerson, Emmett Burke and Ed Cheuning.

Chairman Raine then stated that the meeting was to discuss the feasibility of an organization for marketing cotton in Southeast Missouri and asked C. O. Moser, of Dallas, Texas, secretary of the American Cotton Growers Exchange to explain the plan adopted in other states for marketing the product.

Mr. Moser spoke at length on the subject, explaining the need of business methods in this matter and showing by illustrations that the plan had been successful in the eight states already working through the state organizations and the American exchange, which performs the functions of a clearing house and deals with problems of marketing in which all the state organizations are interested, explaining that the business of the exchange was to handle sales of cotton to the big eastern markets and in Europe for all the associated marketing associations, thereby obviating the necessity for each state organization maintaining a selling agency in these markets.

He gave instances of considerable profit having been made through this plan, not only in preventing friction between the various state organizations, but by dividing the overhead expenses of the selling business between the local associations.

He said that the plan had effected a saving of one-half of a cent to two cents on every pound sold.

He explained, also, that this central organization gave a more stabilized force for dealing with large buyers in our eastern markets and in Europe and that many large customers had been secured who would look to the exchange for all their cotton products in the future.

His address was an able one, entering into all details in such a manner that those present were given a clear understanding of the plan and its successful operations in disposing of cotton products at a great profit to the members of the organizations.

Another speaker, C. G. Henry of Newport, Ark., a banker of that city and president of the Arkansas Cotton Growers Marketing Association, explained in detail as to the organization, its methods and its success in his state.

He asserted that the fear of an inability to finance the association in Missouri need not stand in the way, as the scheme had been so successful in Arkansas that his state organization was being offered more financial backing than it could use.

He also offered the services of his selling organization to the Missouri association at the same cost that it

gave the Arkansas branch, which would effect a large saving to the Missourians in their first year's work.

He refuted the accusation that farmers will not stick together in any movement by telling that of the 6000 farmers who had signed a contract or membership last year not one had failed to live up to contract, except a few who had so deeply mortgaged their crops that they could not enter them in the selling pool, which condition had come about previous to the forming of the marketing association.

Mr. Henry said that the cotton growers of the states that had gone into this plan felt that it was the only one in which they could handle their selling business satisfactorily and profitably.

But he warned the Missourians not to be too enthusiastic in the matter. "Stick to your grain farming and raise plenty of food and feed for your needs", he advised. "Do not undertake more than you can accomplish satisfactorily, or your venture will prove disastrous", was his warning.

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DEATH CLAIMS HATTIE R. ALLEN

Hattie R. Allen, 81 years old, widow of the late Benjamin F. Allen, widely known farmer of near Benton, died at her home at 451 N. Frederick street at 12:20 p. m. today, succumbing to a complication of diseases.

She recently suffered a severe attack of pneumonia, which left her in a weakened condition. Her heart was affected by the disease and this, combined with her age, caused her demise.

Mrs. Allen is one of the last descendants of an old pioneer family that came to Southeast Missouri when this section was only sparsely settled. Her grandfather, Uriah Brock, is one of the few revolutionary soldiers buried in a cemetery here.

She was born September 19, 1841, near Benton. In 1919 she moved to Cape Girardeau, after the death of her husband. She was quite active in spite of her advanced age, and was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Christ Episcopal church.

Two delegates were present from Southern Illinois—W. R. Eastman and William Bestgen of Mound City—who explained that the farmers in their vicinity had agreed to plant about 700 acres to cotton and that they wanted to become members of the Southeast Missouri marketing association.

In addition to the delegates at the conference there were many men from the various counties of Southeast Missouri, among them being all the county farm agents in the district, except from Scott county he being kept away by illness. H. L. Hensley of the State Agriculture College and L. E. Rast of Wilson, Arkansas, were also present and took part in the discussions.

Let's Finish the Job

Few public officials have won such general commendation as have the five members of the state highway commission, Gary, Connell, Matthews, Carleton and Buehler. Not that there has not been criticism and disappointment over road location but no citizen who amount to anything ever has questioned the ability or integrity of these men nor asserted they were governed by any motive except to do their very best for the state. Buehler, state geologist and ex-officio member, is a state employee and this work might be considered a part of his job but I know Buehler has made sacrifices to serve. Not one of the others but accepted the position at heavy sacrifice of time and money. Perhaps no one action of Governor Hyde has won such wide approval as the selection of these men.

Having convinced themselves that we have a commission big enough for the job, Missouri people are not going to stand for the work of the obstructionists who would hold up the building program and leave unfinished the work begun. It would be manifestly unfair to the citizens of counties where contracts were not let last year if the legislature failed to approve further bond issues and the state allowed to remain cut up in sections of hard and dirt roads. So soon as the farmer is given a highway wherein he can transport his goods to market that soon will his transportation ills be alleviated.

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MAE MURRAY WINS IN "FASCINATION"

All the romance and flavor of old Spain have been kept intact in Mae Murray's latest photoplay "Fascination", presented by Robert Z. Leonard will be shown for the first time at the Malone Theatre. It is the most lavish and elaborate of this famous Metro star's pictures, and presents a whirlwind succession of thrilling and exciting experiences. The direction by Robert Z. Leonard is flawless, and the play is undoubtedly one of the most noteworthy of the year.

In "Fascination" Miss Murray plays the part of Dolores De Lisa, born of a Spanish father and an American mother. Resenting the close supervision of the aunt with whom she lives, Dolores slips out to join the throng going to the bull fight.

It is here that she becomes fascinated by the torero, Carrita. She meets him and falls under the influence of his dark eyes. That night, at a ball, Dolores dances for the guests, giving vent to the emotions which the bull fight had created in her. None of the guests recognize her as the daughter of Eduardo de Lisa, the daughter of a wealthy Spaniard who has on that very day returned from America, bringing with him Dolores' brother and a friend from college.

It is the search for the girl that brings in its train a series of swiftly-moving and highly dramatic incidents. Elaborate costumes and gorgeous settings make brilliant the entire production. All the principal scenes are laid in Spain. Miss Murray's picture reproduces admirably the spirit of the land of the torero.

A notable cast has been assembled in support of Miss Murray, the players including Vincent Coleman, as the American sweetheart of Dolores; Creighton Hale as Eduardo, her brother; Helen Ware as Parola, a jaded singer in a Spanish cabaret; Courtenay Foote as the suave Count de Morera; Charles Lane as Eduardo de Lisa, the father of Dolores; Emily Fitzroy as her watchful aunt; and Robert W. Frazer as Carrita, the torero, who holds Dolores entranced.

"Fascination" was written by Edmund Goulding, and was directed by Robert Z. Leonard. It was photographed by Oliver T. Marsh. It is a Tiffany production, distributed by Metro.

TWO DRASIC DRY BILLS INTRODUCED BY SHUPP

Jefferson City, Mo., January 10.—State Senator McCawley of Carthage introduced for Rev. W. C. Shupp, superintendent of the Missouri Antisaloon League, two drastic bills today. One makes it a felony punishable by imprisonment in the Penitentiary for two years to transport intoxicants in an automobile or other vehicle. The other provides a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a minimum of one year in jail for occupants of any automobiles or vehicles carrying liquor to be found with firearms or other deadly weapons in the conveyance.

Hardly a family in Sikeston and vicinity but what has had one or more members down in bed with colds, flu or some other ill during the past ten days. A few cases of scarlet fever have been reported. It would be well for children to stay close to home until every case is dismissed.

Robert L. Ward, prominent Democratic politician and attorney, who, from his gift of a golden voice, has been termed the "Brown Thrush of the Ozarks", was before the Supreme Court yesterday representing a client in an important suit. Mr. Ward is a former member of the House of Representatives. His home is at Carutherville.—Missouri State Journal.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Telephone 124.

FOR SALE—14 hives of bees in good condition. See or phone O. R. Fahrenkopp, 464. 2tp.

LOST OR STOLEN—Brown Ranger bicycle. Taken from High School Monday, January 15. Reward for return.

—John Putnam, 500 Prosperity St.

HOTEL FOR SALE—Reasonable, 24 rooms. Only first class hotel in town of 4000. Reason for selling, sickness.

—Mrs. J. R. Ragsdale, Chaffee, Mo. 3t

It seems that car thieves are now making a specialty of Ford coupes. The officers say that it is an easy matter to steal and disguise these cars, and if the owner has no special mark thereon, his car is gone for good. It seems that the Ford company put out a fully equipped engine which they sell for \$62. The engine in the stolen car can be taken out and replaced with a stolen one. The motor out of the stolen car is then stripped and the parts sold to dealers or repairmen and they realize almost the price of the new motor out of the parts and they throw away the base of the engine on which the markings are. This makes it almost a matter of impossibility to identify the car. This is done at a loss of about \$11. The thieves now steal Ford coupes and change the engine and go out and get nearly the retail price for it.

666 quickly relieves Colds, Con-

tipation, Biliousness and Head-

aches. A Fine Tonic.

**Grove's
Tasteless
Chill Tonic**
Invigorates, Purifies and
Enriches the Blood.

LARGE POPULATION JUMP IN NEW MADRID

New Madrid, Mo.—That Compton Township's population in New Madrid county will be increased by one thousand during the year 1923, is certain. Scores of families from Arkansas move in every week. They come in wagons, trucks cars and by train. Never probably since the opening of the Indian Territory to settlers has there been such an influx of settlers to any given locality as are coming to Southeast Missouri now.

Little Paul Engould of Conran was bitten by a cat a few weeks ago. His parents thought little of the occurrence, not apprehending that it might result seriously. The boy became ill about two weeks ago of rabies and died Thursday, January 4th, the attending physician being unable to save him after the disease had developed.—Lilburn Herald.

Silage odors are absorbed largely through the body of the cow rather than from the air, according to tests made by the United States Department of Agriculture. However, these odors may be practically or entirely removed by the aeration of the milk while it is still warm. Rather heavy feeds of silage may be given to cows

hour after milking without any undesirable flavors or odors passing into the milk. When green alfalfa was fed in relatively large quantities one hour before milking marked flavors and odors were noticed in the milk, but when as much as 30 pounds per cow was fed after milking there was no effect on the milk from the next milking.

Notice to Contractors

Sealed proposals, addressed to The State Highway Commission of Missouri,

Jefferson City, Missouri, and endorsed "Proposal for constructing (or improving) State Road, Route 55 Section 6", will be received by the State Highway Commission until 11:00 o'clock a. m. on the 2nd day of February, 1923, at the office of the Secretary of the Commission in the Capitol at Jefferson City, and at that time will be publicly opened and read in the Hall of the House of Representatives of the Capitol at Jefferson City, Mo.

The proposed work includes: Grading, constructing culverts, a bridge and a gravel pavement 16' wide together with any incidental work on the State Road from Diehlstadt, northwardly the total length of the improvement being approximately 1,000 miles.

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A set of plans and specifications may be obtained from the undersigned upon deposit of ten dollars (\$10.00), which amount will be refunded if both plans and specifications are returned in good condition within four days after the date of receipt.

Proposals shall be submitted upon blank forms provided for the purpose by the undersigned, and shall be accompanied by a certified check made payable to the "Treasurer of the State of Missouri, to the credit of the State Highway Fund", for five (5) per cent of the amount of the bid. A proposal bond cannot be accepted in lieu of a certified check, and a bid when accompanied by a proposal bond will be automatically rejected.

Payments will be made on monthly estimates but should not be expected prior to the last of the month for the estimate of the preceding month.

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Reap the Reward of Perfect Health

Kennett, Mo.—"I think Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a blessing to weak women. It did wonders for me when nothing else gave me any relief. I had feminine weakness for about fifteen years and suffered all the pains and aches that women have when the organs are weak. I would have backaches, pains in my side and bearing pains, and my kidneys became congested and did not function properly. I got so weak and nervous I could not do my work, it just seemed like I would never be well again. I had tried many medicines with results; at last I decided to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and by the time I had taken